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EXCELLENTLY describing the vweight

*of affection, the simplicitie of loue, the purport
of honest meaning, the resolution of men, and disposi-
tion of Fate, finished in a Pastorall, and interlaced with the praises
of a most peerlesse Princesse, wonderfull in Maiestie,
and rare in perfection, celebrated within
the same Pastorall, and therefore
termed by the name of*

The Shepheards Holidaie.

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TO THE RIGHT LIE *ennobled in all virtues*, Sir VVilliam HATTON knight, aduancement in virtue, woi- ship in life, and fame in perpetuitie..



O enforce Sir vnto your worthy-
nes herein, by many circustaunces
how much led on with the BOVN-
TIE, VALOR, COVRASIE, SKIL,
and many other complements of
VIRRVE, resiant in your wel noted
and known disposition, I haue da-
red to aduenture vnto your faouou-
rable acceptaunce, this simple and plaine dedication
(simple I meane in respect of the handling) might seem
in the deliuerie, to equall an other volume.

Omitting therefore all those particularities to them
that know you, and to mine owne priuate meditation,
that especially do honour you, I will onely say for this,
that the greatest forwardnes craueth a shrowd, and the
meanest matter cannot be without defence.

To VIRGIL there was an AVGVSTVS, to HORACE a
Mecaenas, to CICERO a CAESAR, to APPELLES an
ALEXANDER. If to these: how much more then to me
needeth there, to couer the deformitie of my stile, a
most exquisite PATRON.

In a matter simple, it is yet a grace, but to insinuate

The Epistle Dedicatore.

the name of such as do merite well, the verie respect of whome, in the generallitie of the most, beareth alwaies we see, a more than common reputation,

Herein if I presume on your **VIRTUES**, I vrge the necessity, if to craue your patronage, then custome may free me.

Nowe, if the course of the weeke-daiers pastimes of these **SHEPHEARDS** seeme happelie to mislike you, turn then I pray to their **HOLIDAYE**, where (how rude lie so euer handled) yet the Maiesty of her, who is without comparison, being there in most especially honoured, shunnett not the fauour of anie sweete conceipte to haue the same recommended.

Fruitles were it on a short request, to erect large matter. For which my sute shalbe, that with the selfe **BONNIS**, wherewith your present yeares are so largely beautified, your **VIRTUE** will vouchsafe fauourable to repute both of me and my trauel, which hauing obteined the shrowd thereof as **AIAx shield**, shall become vnto me henceforth of a sufficient gard from all kinde of biting serpents whatsoeuer.

*Your worships in all to be com-
maunded. Angell Daie.*



THE FIRST Booke of the loues Pasto- rall, of Daphnis and Chloe.



METELENE among all the notable cities of *Greece*, is for the delicacie and strength of the same, not the least in bewtie and greatness of all others to be commended. The scituacion of which (being in the Isle of Metelene) hath enuironed rounde about it, a continuall springe of fleshe, sweete and deyntie water, the issue whereof floweth from the Seas, and ouer the same are builded manie bewtisfull and fine bridges, wrought and curiously polished of fayre white stone. The shewe and brauerie of all which, giueth so large and goodly demonstration unto the eyes, as he that behelde the same at a sodaine, woulde rather judge it, an Island of it selfe, then the meere scituacion of one sole Cittie.

Not farre from thence (as is accustomed unto the most riche and popular cities of *Greece*) one of the worthiest and noble personages of the same, had in the countrie by, about two or three miles from the towne, a goodly Mannour house, pleasant for the seate, and holosome for the dwelling, whereunto were annoyninge diuers fayre and welchie possessions, enlarged for commodtie, and exceeding for pleasure: as namely, large hie and goodly moun-

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Laines , where were nourished and bred sundrie sortes of wilde
beastes , groundes all couered with vines, plaines, stooed with
all manner of fruits and graines, and with most fertile pastures,
whereon to feede and nourishe their cattell, the chiefeſt whereof
laye for the moſt part , alongeſt the waters ſide , which for that
cauſe, rendred the place, ſomething the moze delectable. Within
theſe groundes, Lamon a poore goatheard , whilſt warely he of-
ten continued to keepe his charge , founde by chaunce a young
childe, the life of which was onely preſerued by the ſucke it recei-
ued from one of his ſhee-goates, and nowe ſee the maner howe.
There was about the place where he fedde his flocke , a certaine
thicket all ouergrownne with briembles and thynnes, and compaſ-
ſed about with furzes, vnder the couert whereof grewe a ſoft fine
and delicate kind of grasse, the turfe thick, as in ſuch ſhadie places
is ofteſt accuſtomed, wheron laid this tender infant. Thither ordi-
narily ranne one of his ſhee-goates , the custome whereof made
the heardſman ofteſtetimes to miſſe her, and knewe not where ſhe
was become, for that leauing hit young kiddes uncheriſhed , ſhee
onely againſt nature gaue heed to the feeding and nouriſhment
of this preetie babe.

Lamon piteing the ſelie young ones, that thus were abando-
ned by their Dam , began to marke and watche the goate whe-
ther ſhe went, and one time amoungſt the reſt in the heatē of the
daye, ſued her trage ſo neere, that he ſawe howe ſhe paſt vnder the
thicket and that with ſo tender & warie toucħ, as y with her hooſts
going in, ſhe might no wayes hurte the babe : and there being en-
trēd in moſt loving ſort, enclined her teates vnto the infant , who
hungerly ſucked the ſame, no otherwiſe, then if it had beene the
vylesſes of a naturall mother. At the ſight of this, the heardſman
wondersſully abashed, diew yet at the laſt moze neere , & ſearching
furthere, founde it was a male childe , well growen for his age, of
beautie marueilous, and farre moze richly attirede, than beſeemed
any wayes the iſfelicitiſe of his fortune , abandoneſt ſo miserablie
as he was, and laid forth, to euerie common aduenture . The veſ-
ture wherin he was wrapped was a riſh mantle of purple veluet,
the compaſſe laſſned about his necke with a brooch of gold, and
by his ſide was layde a ſhort fine ſwoarde of moſt excellent worke-
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manship, all curiously gilt, on the hiltes and the handle thereto,
of the most precious yuoxie.

Lamon (greedie at the first of the riche jewels he sawe) resolved onely to beare them awaye, and to leau the childe as hee founde it, to some other fortune, but having considered a while of that purpose, a bashfull shaine quickly surprised his thoughtes, that beeing a man, hee shold bee lesse pitifull and humaine than the poore beast it selfe, that he thereto had with so great regarde attended and nourished it. In so much, that when night came on, hee tooke both childe and other attire about it, and caried them home vnto his wife, whose name was Myrtale, and therewithall all the shee-goate that thicherto hadde cherished and brought it vp.

Myrtale, affounched at the newe, demanded if it were possible that goates in their selfe kinde, could produce young ones of so marueilous shape and proportion, but Lamon supressing in her the simplicitie of that conceit, revealed both the manner howe he found the babe, and in what sorte, and with howe great delicacie, hee sawe the beast enclining vnto it, and therewithall forgat to prescribe vnto her and him a greater cause of humanite, considering that a bestiall nature, deuoyde of reasonable living, had by the gentle condicione thereof, taughe them so readie a waye vnto the same. Myrtale, (whose humours sauoured in nothing of a crab tree stock) did not at all discommende her husbandes regarde herein, but ioyning in one moode of mannerly enterteinement togethers, as housewifely as shee could, (having never had any of her owne) shee lulled the babie, and locking vp the ornamentes and jewels in a fast barred chesse, they both thenceforth endeouored to foster it vp, in no other sorte, nor by any other kinde of deliuernace then as their owne. And to the intent it might as well in name as otherwyse, resemble the place of education, where it was bred, they called it by the name of Daphnis.

Two yeares were not fullye pass and expired, ere one Dryas a sheepeheard keeping his sheepe in great quantiteye vppon the plaines and downes thereabouts, happened after this also vpon the like, or verie selfe same aduenture. There was indifferent

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Almost between either of those places, a certaine great caue, stan-
ding in a rocke, sacred sometimes to the Nymphes, and therefore
called by the name of the Nymphes Caue, somethinge crooked
within, but altogether round without. In the inward part wher-
of were divers statues of Goddesses & other Nymphes, wrought
finely out of stone, the feete vnshod, the armes all naked, & th' arme
buckled on the shoulders, their haire cast onely vpon their necks,
without tressing at all, girded they were vpon their loynes, their
lookes sweetly smiling, and their countenaunces such, as seemed
with interchaungeable fauour in delicate sorte to greeete eache
other.

Right vnder the hollowe rising of this caue, sprang in the mid-
dest of the bottom a sweet fountaine, which rasing it selfe, with a
softe bubling, gathered into a pleasaunt springe, where with the
fresh and fruitfull greues round about the same, were continually
watered. Vnder the mouth of the caue, where the overflowinge
waues with Cristall humoy, had wrought from the earth, sondrie
kindes of flowers and hearbs of delicate vewe, hong divers flutes,
Pipes, and flagiolaris, made of reedes, which the auncient shep-
heardes had often before-time sacred vnto the Nymphes for their
greatest offcings.

To this caue, a sheepe from out of Dryas flocke, that newly had
peaned her lamb, oftentimes in the day frequented, and that with
such continuaunce, as the shephearde thinking it manie times to
bee lost, endeouored at the last, to make some deuice whereby to
constraine it to feede in companie, without wandring any more
as it was accustomed. And going to the Caue to seeke the sheep,
with an Olier twig wreathed in his hande, where with to fasten
the necke and soote thereof together, a sight moxe straunge then
looked for, presented it selfe vnto him. For the Ewe (framed as it
seemed by nature, to the pityng of distressed creatures) hauing
there found a sweete babe, did in most soft and gentle maner, vi-
site it many times with her teats, and that with so meek and ten-
der handling, as if it had bin the proper Nurce. The childe vnused
to any difference, esteemed it as a naturall diet, and without cry-
ing or other distemperature at all, first on the one side, and after
on the other, as the Ewe turned her selfe, with the prettie mouth

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(which was sweete and pleasaunt to behold) sucked the same. The Sheepe seeming therevnto to haue borne a most straunge and peculiar affection, which one while with the licking of her tongue on the visage, and another while with softe and deuytie cying it with her head, it exceedingly did manifest.

Dryas, though he were clubbishe in condition, yet not herein estranged from that pietie, which the gentle beast had thus alreadie possest unto him thought himselfe also in nature bounde to tender the infant, and perceiving it was a girle, and therewithall what ornaments (testimonies that the place whence it came was of na meane reputation) were also annexed vnto it, hauing on the head a copfe curiously wrought and imbroidezd with golde, jewells and other precious things, not to be despized: he adiudged the chaunce thereof not to haue happened vnto him, without some divine preparation: Wherefore taking it vp in his armes, he gladly received the charge thereof, and making bis prayers to the Nymphes, that with good successe he might afterward bring her vp, whom as an humble Suppliant, lest (as it seemed) to their patronage he had found laid at their feet, he departed.

Nowe when night came, that he was to drue his sheepe home to their folde, hauing secretly in the meane tyme conuerted all the jewells and ornaments into his bouget, assone as he was returnd to his house, he began to recompt vnto his wife al that he had seene, and shewed her also what hee had founde: Nape was the Sheperdesse called, to whose especial care her husband with many words recommended the regard of the distressed infant, commanding her thenceforward to repute it as her own natural daughter, & in such sorte only to nourish and ypaide for it. The woman was not stony harted, but according to her shepheards guise began to imbrace and encertain the girle, deeming already that she became a mocher vnto it, by mecre affection, her conceit grew tender ouer it, and with such seruent loue, and concinuall watching did she endeavour to foster it, as that she feared lest the sheepe that whilomie sucked the swathedl impe, shold in the beastly regard it shewed be preferred before her. And for that her care stretched that the girle in farther springing yeres might the sooner be taken and repuced for hers, she gaue it thence-fro a name Pastozall, and called her

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her Chloe.

These two children in proesse of time grew to be great, and shewed well by theyr beautie and other complements, that their parentage was not meane, nor their descent derived from out of old thatched cotages. And about the time that the elder of them, was come to the age of fifeene yeares, and the yonger about two yeares lesse: Lamon and Dryas at one very instant, and in the selfe-same night interchangeably (as it fell out) dreamed in this sort togithers. It seemed unto them both, that the Nymphs, whose Statues and images were in the caue (where you heard before the fountaine was, and where Dryas (as is reported) had found his daughter) took Daphnis & Chloe, and them both jointly deliuered to the guidance and protection of a verye yoong boy, gentle in all kinde of behauior, but of beautie most wonderful, frustrate was his body of garments, his shape curious, his skinne puce as alabaster, his shoulders feathred as wings, his left hand supposzd with a slender bowe, a small quiver at his backe, and a fine arrowe in his right hand. Who touching them both with one and the same dart, gaue charge unto Daphnis thence-forward to feed his goats on the pastures, and to the other immediatlie to keepe flockes of sheepe.

The heardsmen both at once deepe ly conceiving of this visi-
on, were sodenly quailed of al their former expectation, insomuch
as the fruits of their carefull nurseries, seemed thus contrarie to
that they hoped, and what their severall badges, might before
that, respectiuely haue presaged, to be destined at one instant to
the keeping of cattell togithers. For that the markes of theyr
birth, had offered unto their former notice, so manifest intend-
ments of farre greater fortune, in full pursute whereof, their
carefull endevoirs had chitherto sought to conduct them, and that
in farre more delicate and daintie maner, than beseemed the chil-
dren of heardsmen, as wel in an honored kinde of vsage to theyr
persons, as in liberall training them vppe in letters, and other
conuenient skill and demeanours, whereof their yeares at that
instant were nothing ignorant, and that so farre soorth as the
largesse of their country dwelling, coulde anye waies afforde
unto them. Neuerthelesse, for somuch as the iunction appea-

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red to be derived altogether from the pleasure of the gods, they determined in their obedience, rather to giue place unto theyr commandes, whose prouidence had sauad them both from their former perilles, than to yeelde unto their ewne proper fancies, whose greatest respect of care they were sure coulde least of all availe them.

Not long after, these two neighbor-dwellers found meaneſſe to conſerre at full, touching both their viſions, and by one ioint consent, they firſt agreed to go vnto the caue of the nymphs, and there to offert ſacrifices, for the better proſperitie and happy proceedingſ of their ſeverall charges, which offering of theirs, they by one vowe together, deuoted to the faire yoong boy, vnto whose protection, by the ſame Nymphs, theyr nurceries had bene before committed, whonie they called by the name of the winged god, for otherwife by anye more ſpeciall title or particulaſt eſſect they had not diſcerned hym. Which doone, they iointly inferring, whatſoever after care of the two youthfull and sweeteſt of all natures creatures, vpon him, both Lamon and Dryas recordes as a ſumme of all their expeſtation, theſe fourre verſes to remaine on the wall of the nymphes, as a perpetuall memo-riall:

To thee thou winged God, what ere thou bee
(A god thou art) we ſheepeheards fruits do bring
Let Daphnis and his heards be deare to thee,
And Chloes flockes eft caſt this ſacred ſpring.

Hauing here with greatly ſatiſfied their longing deſires, and maniſolde well-wiſhinges vnto their tender foſterlings, Lamon returned to hys Myrtale, and Dryas to Nape, and by aſſent of both their wiues, diſpatched the next day with all kind of neceſſarieſ, the two darlings of the earth to their ſeverall heards, ſweet Daphnis to his goates, and faire Chloe to hiſ ſheep, iſtructing them ſeverally, in al ithinges belonging to a heardsmans office. As how to diue their beaſts to paſturing beforē the heat of the daie, and in the coole of the euening againe holne to guide them: what times, & where to waſer them, whe to bieng them home at night,

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and how in the mornings likewise to drive them to the field . In what sorte , and vpon what occasion to vse the Whistle-Pipe , and how at another time to call with their voice alone .

These Images of Beautie , mildly yeelding them selues to what herein to them inioyned , receaued as willinglie their charges , and with as deepe contenting pleasure , as though they therwith had receiuued some great and notable signoyre , Daphnis tending his goates , and Chloe her sheepe , and that with so entier and moxe then common affection accustomable vsed among sheapeheards , as well shewed , that hee for his part had some reason to induce him , and shce for her part could not omit it without seeming unthankfull .

The season was then of the yeare , about the beginning of the spring , when the very delicacie of Floras selfe was growen to her most naturall prime , and she as Lady and queene of that iollie being , had by a meere earthly shew of most exquisite perfourmance , coloured her walkes and passages , with blossomes of sweetest ver- dure and die most perfect , for the moxe ample beautifying and en- richment of all her seemly creatures . Herbs then began to be in their force , trees in their pride , fields in their bauerie , floures in their sweetenes , and the earth in her delicacie . The birds had felicitie to resound their variable notes to the woods , & to acquaint the hedge rowes with their warbling tunes , the lambes and ten- der kids skiped vpon the hillockes , the yong rammes hurtled on the bankes with their wreathed hornes , & had pleasure to pearch to the highest mountaines , the bees sweetlye murmured from un- der their hives , and all that frequented the pastures had vnuer- fall gladnes .

The marke of Love him selfe , combined within the verie eie- liddes of these two excellent creatures , seing all things thus daintie decked and trimmed vp , by so curions workemanshippe , kindled in their mindes the selfesame sparke and common desire of al naturall enforcements , whereby each of them became studious , according to their humaine nature and disposition to immitate by like equaltie , what they then perceaued to be grased in all other tenderlinges . In so much as with the birds they sang , seing the kids leape , they daunced , and after the bees they gathered floures ,
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with some part wherof they trimmed their bosomes, and of others made pretie small chapelets, the bronest of which they caried unto the Nymphes, and therewith crowned their heades. Finally as it were united in one continued linke of amitt, these seemely portraictures of well pleasing youth, louingly alwaies accompanied each other, and euermore on the pastures fed their heards together.

Manie times befell it , that when her sheepe were anpe wates Graied, Daphnis with great desice woulo spedde him selfe before her to gathet them in againe : And when the most hardie of hys young kids, and iender goats had mounted to the top of some hie or steepe rocke , neatlye woulo likewise Chloe applic her selfe to make them drawe downe the same with easse pace againe . Due while guided she both herds her selfe,whilst he vsid his pastime, and another while ordered he the flockes, whilst shee sported her selfe vnder the shadie toppes . Their exercises were in Shephearde games, and the pleasures they intretained, such as besetmed the nonage of their outgrowing childhood , soz some part of their time, they spent in gathering bulrushes, wherewith Chloe would make pretie bird-cages and therein put the grasshoppers. Daphnis on the other side often times cut downe the reedes, and vnclosing their joints, glewed them oderlie together againe with soft ware, and of these found diuers pastimes wherewith to occupie them selues together. Their usages were holie , as vnderperienced of euill, and such whose delicate imaginacions , were never surprizd with the least taint at all of harmefull thinking. Enterchangeably did they ech to other impart their milke, their wine, and what other vitailcs, the simplicite of their shewe , and countrie being could besides afford. To conclude , it might seeme a thing more ordinary, to see their flockes asunder scattered, than at any time to see Chloe from him, or Daphnis from her to be diuided. Now as they thus passed their time in such kind of dalliance Lune, the grand Prince and Soueraigne of their unmacheable bewties , had by this time prepared a secrete ambush wherewith to stame some notable breach, into the vndefensine imaginacions of these two innocent louers, and thus stooode the case. There was not farre from the place where these two gentle Shepheards

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kept their haunts a she-wolfe that newly hauing cast her whelps, accustomed there-vpon to run often times into the flockes therabouts, and there to rauin the small cattell, to carrie to her yong ones: By occasion whereof the husband-men and sheapeheards inhabiting the villages about, and seeing their cattell thus to bee destroyed, deuised in the night to make sundrie deepe pittes and trenches and them subtilye to couer againe with thin earth cast vpon small twigges whereby to make the place seeme plaine, so that whaso ever came running there-vpon, were it of the smalles waight that might bee reasonablie conceiued, the twigges would presentlie fall vnder them, and whelme them therewith into the pitte. A number of such like trappes both in the mountaines and plaines, were cast, wherewith to catch the subtil beast: but shee accustomed to those wiles, shunned the traime and them continuallie discouered, notwithstanding manie sheepe and goates were thereby destroyed, and Daphnis him selfe by that onely inconuenience was like to haue perished.

It happened that two of the fairest buckes of all his heard being vehemently chased one against the other vpon a long figh together, rushed at the last so rudely vpon each other, that with the greatnes of the stroke, a horne of one of them was broken, whereof feeling great paine, the bucke thus disarmed of one of his hornes turned him-selfe to flight. The victor (proude of the conquest wonne) pursued notwithstanding, and haunted the poore beast both with strokes and pace so busilie, that he hardly gaue it so much leasure as to gather a litle breach. Daphnis grieved at the mishap, to see so faire a beast thus unhappily spoiled, and vexed also in mind to behold the unquenchable furie and hotte pursue of the other, which with the hurt done could not be satisfied, but with further cruelty, soughe to oppresse him whom alredie he had mai med, tooke vp a cudgell in the one hand, and his whistle pipe in the other, and followed the pursuer, laying still at him as hee followed, in minde to beate him. The beast, shunning the strookes, and he moze enraged to hit him, then circumspect howe or where he followed him, the buck for feare, and he for haste, combled both together into one of those pits, the beast first, and Daphnis vpon him, the chaunce whereof(as it fell out) saued his life, for that the beast

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beast first susteined the hard stroke, & himselfe with lesse damage, fell the moxe easly vpon him. But Daphnis seeing himselfe thus pitifullly distressed in so deepe a passage, could do no other but crie out, and with plencie of teares lament his hard hap, attenting if happely some one or other comming that way, mighc chaunce to here him, and so pycure meane to relieue him.

Chloe, whose eie was selidome estrangzed from some (moxe thē ordinarie) care of her regarded companion, albeit she was then a great way from Daphnis when he fell, perceiued yet his sodaine vanishment, & was not vnmistrustfull at all of his present harme. And soz that shz was altogether ignorant what it mighc bee, and yet doubting the euill shz knew not, because shée saw him not againe, shē had ned to the place where her sight had lost him, wthal speede possible. There beholding the great depth of the pit, & seeing contrary to expectation, that he was sound & aliue, shē thence sped her pace quickly to a Cowherd that fed catell hard by, requiring his p̄esent aide to helpe Daphnis forth of that grievous place, who searching vp and down forz a corde, and finding none of length sufficient: Chloe with great desire vntressed quickly her golden wirie lockes, and with the silkin twine that bound vp the same, estsones doubled togethers in manie cōpasses, supplied what wanted to the former shorthenesse, by fassning it to the cordes end that by the Cowherds meanes, they had there already prepared. And this done, ioyning both their aides together, they did so much Daphnis without great hurt, was gotten forth again.

The louely shepehard thus raized vp from so depe a dongeon, & by þ gentle trauaile of þ Nymph freed of the great feare wherin to he was falne, casting many times his bashfull & deep peering countenances towards her, could not forz the p̄esent devise with what kinde of speaches (sufficient to so great a benefic) to salute her. And much the rather was he nowe so mazed, forz that at that instant moxe then at any time before, it seemed there harbored in her delicate spirits, a moxe stronger efficacie, then euer hce had ere then perceiued, in her looks, were caried an especiall eye marke of he knewe not, what kynde of most sweete and pleasing delight, some onething moxe then common, rested as he thought in the p̄ecious content, of her well applied countenance,

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her speeche was not as the ordinarie sound of her accustomed deliurance, her gestures (amiable of themselues) were fraught as now to his seeming, wþch a more estranged kinde of excellency. Neither knew he, whence the humor hereof proceeded, albeit he felt himselfe even then deepeþly touched, but embracing wþch an vnacquainted desire, the conceit where-into hee was carried by the present obiect, he only stamed some few speeches, in acknowledgement of this first conceiued benefit, which by the watchfull regard of Chloe he had already receiued. And turning hymselfe likewise to Dorcon (so so was the cow-heard called) giuing a multitude of thankes vnto him for his trauell taken, his lookes and speech at one instant, were therewith both surprised togthers.

This being the first publike place wherein loue, either by looke or gesture had made way into the secret thoughts of these two louers to be discerned. Daphnis as yet ignorant of his passion, and holding himselfe highly pleased, but nothing leſſe than satisfied in beholding of Chloe, reposèd his chiefeſt content to gaze vppon her, and the most precious part of his delight in killing her, wherin, redoubling eftsoones the pleasures, thereby conceiued a sweeter humor than that which the hony Bee by nature congealeth, or the Candy sugar in taste deliuereþ, issued (as hee thought) from her lippes, her lookes were as piercing arrows, and Cupid himſelfe seemed to lodge in the very eie-browes of her countenaunce. Rosie, nay ſar more orient was the hew, that her hattie pase and yet panting breathing to relieu him had ſettled vpon her cheekeſ, the delay mingled, wherevpon was the very die of the white and pureſt marble. Her lockes diſperſed on her ſhoulders, in colour like the burniſh yellow of the fineſt gold, made her to appeare as one of the nymphs, whom Iupiter erſt fauored, or Apollo with arden flames whilom eagerly purſued. Pleading, and moſe than pleading was ſhee to be ſene at that instant, and ſuch as wherein not Daphnis alone, but the poore cow-heard Dorcon alſo moſe than ordinary rejoiced.

The ſimple cow-heard, vnacquainted before time, with ſuch admirable features, and not accuſtomed to the contemplation of ſo diuine & far ſurpaſſing meaſures, eſteemed ouer while of Chloe, that

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that according to so rare and exceeding beautie , somewhat remained grased in his countenaunce that appeared moxe singular than was to be attributed to the common proportion of euerie other creature . Another while , considering the meaneresse of his fortune , being but in common reckoning the daughter of Dryas his selfe , but as a simple sheepeheardeesse , invred only to the downes , he then deemed hit greatnes to be no moxe than as the reputation of every other common dweller . And though his rurall condition had not till then made estimate of any thing , moxe than his countrie feeding , neyther in all his pleasures had ought exempted moxe peculiar than his cattel keeping : yet by the deep impression of hit sight the grand maister of al humane affections , had led him to an imagination of far moxe greater consequent , yea the bluntnesse of his former conceit (such as selome falleth out in men of base and seruile reckoning) began here-with to be moxtifted , his spirites grossly weighed before wþt an earthly nutriment waxed now moxe tender . His onely houshold care furnished till then with a couetous regard of profit and husband-like desire , by hardned labours , to see his cattell prosper , was turned into a newe kinde of obseruaunce : his morning walkes wherewith he wonted erst to visit his pastures , were conuerted into a heedefull attendance of blifull Chloe , and her most daintie passages . Now gan he to aduert the holidays , and to long for the pleasant seasons , wherein heardsmen without checke or controlment doe celebrate their interchangeable pastimes : him seemed the boistrouous leaþer , and laborsome sweate , dryed wþt the dusty season upon his winckledeie-browes , disgraced at one instant both his person and countenaunce , he mereley wared weary of his habite , and grawn into great mislike , that he were not presently here , otherwise he might be decked or changed . Much was it that he thought in himselfe , wherewith he might afterward be better contented , and hit whom he loued (by a like conjecture) to be both the sooner pleased and satisfied .

Thus and in such manner wrought the vnknowing conceipts of these two heards-men eache vnto the other . Daphnis by reason of too much youth and small experiance , neither capable of fraude , nor iniured to anie sleight or subtilitie , and leaste of all

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surmizing what hee coulde or woulde go about to doe , to winne vnto himselfe the effect of that whereunto , though in truer hee were so farre forth inclined , he was yet able of the same to frame no perfect end or distinguishment , nor so much as mistrusted at al these sodaine alterations bred in the minde of hys newe acquaintance Dorcon , for that neither knewe hee his owne desire to be destined by any title or name of loue , or that any other might be a copartner , or become an impatient ristall of his so vehement a passion . But wading with all kinde of simplicitie into the furie of his affection , inclined to whatsoeuer in accompanieng his dere-
ly regarded Chloe , was by the subtily of the cow heard after-
ward of him required .

Here-upon Dorcon having taken leauue for the present , con-
celued chence-forward in his minde , that the place of his inter-
tainment , solicited vnto his remembrance , a respecte more curi-
ous in all his actions , than to-forie time accustomed , and forgat
not in his holiday shirt , and cleane washed doublet vbuttoned to
the girdle , and there fastened to the waste of his hose wþch a
newe greene silken point , impositing thereby , that all his p[er]son
was not yet fully spent , oftentimes to take occasion to visit these
louers . And for that their purest conceits , harmelesse of euill ,
and never so muche as tainted with any similitude of guile , gaue
both scops and courage , whereby wþchou suspition , this newe
erected cow-heard might be receiued into their companies . Hee
the better nowe to insinuate him selfe into their fauours , one
while indeuored to present them with his new made fresh chee-
ses , couered wþch a faire white napkin , and strowed ouer
wþch the most sweete and delicate floures , therewithall woulde
hee bring of his best and moyning skimmed creame , spice-cakes ,
and other preacie conceits . To Daphnis besides gaue hee a
yoong fatte calfe from the damme , and manye other faire co-
kens to Chloe , such as eyther his countrie crauell hadde pur-
chased , or wherewithall her sweete conceited spirits were any ways
delighted .

This sudden alteration of Dorcon , both in habite and other
demeanors therewnto according , not so much by any abilitie of
coniecture , that thereby could solie arise in the opinion of Daph-
nis ,

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nis, as by the generall notice and common spech of all the other heardsmen, made euery where knowne, that hee was become a louer, and who but faire Chloe was shee, to whomie the man was so farre devoted in affection, insomuch as Daphnis also among the rest grewe nowe to be partaker therof, the maner of which, neither place, time, or company, had taught him before to discerne. Yet knewe hee not for this, what was it to be matched wþch a companion of so vnusid iollitie, neyther did hee soþought hee heard or sawe, emulate at all the cow-heardes proffered courtesie. This onelye marked hee, which all men else had specially noted, that sithence Dorcon first had framed his spirites to loue, hee became indeede farre more gay, pleasant, and trimmer attired, his tresses as woonted, lay not scattered or haþd knurled vpon his head, but faire kembed and rounded fine vnder his eares, neatly shauen was he, as the brauest of the other sheep-heards, and not on the holiday alone, but euery morning fasting pinned he (laced in a silke riband) on his buttoned cappe, a faire and florishing nosegay, well gartered and stroked vp were his hosen with a crosse bound caddis ribon, his buckled shooes, seemed vweldie and curiositie of the rest, made him at the least to bestow on him selfe a paire of calues leacher pumpes for his weareing.

These onely being specially considered vpon of Daphnis, and therewþchall how passing cunning hee had scaimed the notes of his old tuned pipe, where-upon he diuers times plased sundrie country laies, in the hearing of Chloe, daue him at one time aboue the rest into a little melancholie, not for that he stode ignorant howe much the Nymphe was vnto him aboue all others inclined, or that he mistrusted Dorcon, or enuied his pursute, but for the vehemencie of his passion being so feruent, as had already mastred and ouerwearied his imaginacions, neither experiance of manly knowledge, had yet so farre instructed him, as shac he was able to determine the same vpon any certaine limits, nor any other insight directed him, in what sorte the operation therof might with more facility be caried, both of whiche (as he thought) Dorcon by this liking of his body & brauery wherin he matched, had already attchiued: insomuch as seing one day the sweetest

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of his delights to haue taken vppon her the feeding of bothe their
hearts, he priuileie secluded him selfe for a while into the thickest
of a preacie pleasant groue adisynng, and reposing his youthfull
limmes on the soft and tender grasse, nere unto one of the nymph-
like springs where of the wood euerie where was most aboun-
dant, the solemne tunes of a most sweete sounding flute (wherein
bothe priuate practice and the common vsage of the countrie, had
made him excellent) gaue musique to his marayzed thoughts,
whereupon his mollified spirits so pressed with the weights that
which troubled him, enforced him in the batke of a fine Popler tree
standing thereto to graue these few verses following.

What may I call the sweete whence springs my sweetest ioy,
Or wherein rests that on such sweete depends so great annoy.
How hap that where I touch the air bath sweetest breath
And in the selfe-same fume I find my cause of death
Whence sues that where I lie where most delight I see
In selfe-same mood my life consumes, & soies confounded boc
Whereon engendred is the heat that breeds the flame
Sith tempered is with sweetest blasts the cause that moones the same
What phisike may I finde what art to cure the sore,
Which guided by the aide it seekes the wound makes still the more

This done, led on by the solitaines of the place, musique, and
present fancie, hee brake into these farther complaints. Sweete,
ah sweete said he, what strange kinde of maladie hath vsed vnto
me, only in kissing my Chloe, my sweete Chloe, whose lippes
are more delicate then the softest roses, and her mouth and dentie
breaching of far more sweetnes, than thefinest wafers, yet is the
impression of this softnes far more percing than the sting of a bee.
Often haue I kissed my tender kides, newlie as it were fallen
from the dames, & that fine speckles calfe that Dorcon did giue
me, yet felt I no damage, but this kisse is of far other efficacie and
operation, by touch whereof, my pulse beateth, my hart trembleth,
and my verie soule languisheth, all which notwithstanding, my
suffiziance of remedie resteth yet onely in kissing her. O cruell
victorie, O straunge mischiefe whereof I neither know the name

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or am able to determine the qualtie. Is it possible, the sippes whereof the pressure is so delicate, and the closare so excellent, may be attainted with poison, or that within the medicinable compasse of so sweete a refreshing may be included a matter so monstrosus as may breed infection. No, no, soz then with the far piercing venim therof, had my death long ere this time beeene acquired. What then may I teame it whereof insueth so great a languishment? See, see, the Nightingale howe melodiously shee chaunteth, and my flute hath forgotten hit wonted musike. Behold how the yong kiddes skippe vpon every hillocke, and I sitte heere laden with teares. The flocures are nowe in their chiefeest prime, and Dorcon alone maketh chapelets and nosegaies: the Violet and the Daley haue couered the pastures with their beauties, and Daphnis languishing by his maladie withereth onlie in flamez. Dorcon is in his gaietie, and shoxely will become fairer than I. These, and such like shepheards lamentations deliuered hee foorth, tili wearied with the remembrance and search of that griefe, whereto he knewe neither remedy nor end, hee left the desolate groue, and with a counterfet excuse returned againe to his Chloe, who long ere this time had awaited his presence.

Now Dorcon, whose riper yeares had inabled his clownish sponce, both with larger skil, and greater experiance, triumphing on the harmelesse simplicitie of either of these two louers, listid not to spend much time in the long and needesse wooing (as he thought) of hir, whome though of her selfe he were repulsed, yet by imparting some part of that whereof hee had sufficient, to the couetousnesse of him that guided hir) he presumed he might when he list purchase at all times of hir supposed father, fixing therfore his eies on his stoe of cattell and other coine, wherewith his la-horing yeares were plentifullly inough stozed, hee onely wanted but time and meete occasion, to further his pretended conference, for which hee thenceforth attentively waited. Making therfore a sure reckoning of Dryas, whom antient neighborhoode, and long acquaintance had linked vnto him in some particular knowledge, it fell out, that by a preacie occasion, his intendement grewe speedilye to bee effected. Dryas hadde a peece of ground adioynyng not farre from the dwelling of the cow-heerd,

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whereupon, whilst hee was there busied, in planting an arbor, Dorcon made the often sutur w therto a meanes of his communication: and greeting him euery day, and his people with sundry necessaries wherewith to ease their far set prouision, as well of cheeses, bread, and other vittelles, he one day among the rest began to enter in purpose & renouation of their antient continuance their yeres both being alike, their keping of cattel togithers, and such like remembraances, wherewith men of common account are wont to commend their acquaintance. In continuall harping whereupon, he lastly fell on termes of Chloe, and to discourse of hir marriage.

Much was it that the cow-herd, after his subtil clownish guise, inforted unto Dryas, wherby the better to make him selfe seeme a man adapted to such a pursute, & the rather to incorage Dryas to make him his son in law, besids the much reputation of his welch euermore thrust forward, to giue unto him also the greater and more evident demonstration, that he should not marry his daughter to a beggar or a pinch fist, hee tendred unto him for his good wil, many faire and husband-like presents, rich for the state of a cow-heard as he was, wherof he praied him to make acceptance, & to giue his good will to the mariage. A yoke of fayre large oxen would he giue for the plough, 4 huies of bees, fistie foote square of the best part of his orchard, an ox hide large & thicke for lether, & euery pere besides a faire & principal hecscar. That Dryas was couertous Dorcon had good experiance, and therfore intruded vpon him so manye faire offers: the delicacie and wealth wherof tickled indeede something exceedinglye the minde of the man, and had it not beene, that a certaine doubtfull feare ouer-tooke him, of some vnlooked for after-clappes, hee had peraduenture, by desire of that commoditie consented to the determined purpose.

But considering afterwardes better of the case, and esteeming by the likelihoods of those ornamenti which with Chloe hee had had received, that hir descent was not so meane, as to respecte a place of so base a calling, nor a shape so far moze than seemely, resting in hir excellent proportion, ought to be bestowed vpon a creature so far out fauour, and altogether seruile: hee vtterly ab-

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Gained any further to harken to the sute of Dorcon , reckoning fully with himselfe, that if euer after it did happen, that she were recognized by his parents, & that then it should be known, that for covetousnes of gaine, hee had in so bad and vile maner misprized him, it could not but turne to his great detriment & irrecuperable vndoing, if at the leas^t wise he might vpon the knowledge thereof be infanchized from death: Led therfore as he was, by the regard of these doubts, he therevpon prated Dorcon for very neigbor-hoodes sake , to pardon him , and excusing in other sort the matter , willed him from thence-forth that hee woulde sue no further vnto him.

This conceited fore-cast of Dryas, was nothing at al pleasing to Dorcon, who seeing himselfe now the second time, with so flat resolution put off, could almost (what betweene loue and griefe of so many good gifts, that hee had in vaine bestowed) haue become desperat. It vered the poore soule to the hart, to see, that his mornings-milk cheeses, his fat calves, and bacon, were thus vnto the chaffe Dryas imparted , and all for nothing: he could haue whined out-right for sorrow, and his humors rumbled together with so bad a medley , as made his senses wryng foorth diuers tender passions from out his wrinckled countenance. But yet recomfor- ted quickly (as to such it often hapneth) of these vncouth pangs, the scuttle clown began by a new devised fraud now to cōpas that which before he found so difficult , watching for this cause a conuenient time to find Chloe(if it were possible alone) & to this end, bethought himselfe , that vpon custome eche after others they vsed to drinke their flockes at one certain time of the day togithers to drinke, the one of them daily, as it fel out after the other. Hereof Dorcon tooke heede, and onely expected the day when shee alone should drinke them, which being come , the scelle cow-heard thinking to worke a great maisterie in the simplicitie of these soules , tooke vpon hym a deceipt of maruelous sinenesse (respeccing , that it was wrought out of so hammer-headed a trunke)and the devise was this. He took the skin of a great wolle which one of his bulles fighting by chancce had killid with his hornes, and spread the same all ouer his backe, and that so slyly as the fore-feete thereof, fell iustly before him right vnder his hands,

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and the hinder legges also couered his thighs downe vnto his heeles, the head, as a bisard, lay all ouer his face, and thus disguised as hee was, by likelihooде in the full shape and proportion of a woolfe, hee dñe we himselfe right vnto the fountaine, whicher shoulde come the flockes of Daphnis and Chloe to be waſtered. The ſpring was ſituate in a valley verye intricate and crooked, and all the place rounde about for the moſt part enuironed with brembles, sharpe pricking furzes, and lowe declining ginipers, in ſoþ, that if a woolfe in verye deede he had beene, he might eaſily haue couched himſelfe thereaboutz to haue doone a ſpoile, Dorcon buſted himſelfe in the thickest of theſe couerts, waiting the houre when Chloe ſhould come, aſſuring himſelfe, that by the fearefull ſhewe of his ſhape, hee coulde not chooſe but amaze hir, and in ſuch amaze might eaſily ſeaze vppon hir, and do what he liþ vnto hir.

Not long had the woolfe-like cow-heard couched himſelfe, but the ſhepherdelle (as wonted) came with hir dainty flockes, hauiing leſt hir Daphnis behinde, buſied in cutting downe of the moſt tender twigs and boughs, for his goats to browze vpon, againſt they were returned to paſture, the dogges neuertheleſs, as accuſtomed gards vnto hir younglings, at that instant accompanieng her, And as it is a thing vnto them naturall, to hunte up and down, & range round about the field, ſo at the laſt it befell, that drawing neere vnto the buſh where this disguised cow-heard lay couching, they perceiued him buſting, and deeming it ſome beaſt, began to bate apafe: the fiercest of them herevpon began to ſnap at the woolfe, and the reſt, hardned with this onſet, ſet alſo vpon him. Dorcon was now in an extacie, and not daring to ſtand upright, for feare and shame of the diſguife by him without effect pretended, the dogges unweeling of the fraud, cooke no moze knowledge of him than whilom did the hounds of Acteon vpon their maſter, diſguifed as he was in the ſhape of a Hart, but harrieng fal vpon the cow-heard, one in one place, and an other in an other place, ſo rudely riſhed vpon him, as tearing the woolfes ſkinne from his ſhoulders, they made him diſcouer him ſelfe at the laſt to be no moze than the poore and ſimple cow-heard Dorcon.

By this time the maſke grew viterly to be marred, & the ſharp-

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percing teeth of those mercilesse dogs , pinched so neere his butt-
cockes , as Dorcon was faine to start . Chloe fearefull of the e-
uent , & dreading the furie of sonie wilde beast , skreched a maine ,
whereof Daphnis hauing regard , sped him selfe in all hast to her
reskue . But Dorcon contrarie to expectation , hauing susteined
more penance than he required , and pestered with the continuall
biting of the dogges , could no other waies releue him selfe then
in discouering what bee was , wherewith incite against his will ,
he cried vehemently to Daphnis . The simple pouch suspecting as
little fraude , as his innocent yeares ministred vnto him occasion
of euill , wondering at the accident , and thinking that it had bene
done onely but as a iest , wherewith to haue frayed them , appro-
ched the Coweherde , and both he and the Shephardesse rating the
dogges , and drawing them thence with their common whistle-
pipe tooke poore Dorcon with much paine from out of the co-
uert , whom scarce being able to stande for the many hurts in di-
uers parts about him received , hauing nothing wherewith to
fende hym selfe , they led betweene their armes to the fountaine ,
and washed his woundes , which done , they brought him by the
hand vnto his wate , and recomfortring his decaied spirites by all
meanes possible left him at the last to the peculiar in sight , & con-
sideration of his owne euils , unknowing alas were these to har-
die guiles and enterprizes of *Lose* , vnto those tender *Impes* , nor
did they at all participate anye parte of the frawde to the same in-
cident or belonging , whose charie regard of well-doing , be-
came the onely supporte of their meere simplicitie and good mea-
ning .

Dorcon , now solitarily conceiuing of this so strange an alte-
ration , had all his imaginacions thenceforth vicerly benommed ,
for ever thereafter to continue a louer . And in this hurtie burlie ,
the unaccustomed bayng also of the dogges , had so farre scattered
abroade the flockes and herdes , as both Daphnis him selfe and
Chloe had much paine , til night to drawe them together againe ,
the one part whereof being climed to the hiest rockes and moun-
taine toppes that might be , and the other fearefully straggled in
diuers partes downe towardes the sea coastes . And albeit , their
joynt herdes were otherwise so well ordred and caught by their

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guides, as that with the least clap of handes, whistle, or other lounde of voyce that might bee, they woulde drawe to their companies, yet nowe were they so farre frighted with this uncoutch noyse, as that with all the trauell to them vsed, they could scarce be wholie brought together againe to accompanie. But night, that bringeth in conclusion euerie labour to ende, had at the last conducted also these heardes into their severall foldes. And werisomnes of the painefull trauel susteined, serued them as a meocine to bring into the thoughts of these passionate dirlings the accustomed rest, from whence a good while since they had beene bereued. Sleepe made them to forget their loues, and the feruencie of their passion swaid thereby a great deale lesse in the disturbance of those their mutuall affectes. But the bright shining day, which is the discouerer & common renewer of euerye crased fantasie, put her and him in minde againe, of their wonted misace. The ruddie raiers brandishing the Easterne skies, reuealed a new the fresh & quick spreading flames of their late receued passions, the enteruewe of each breding on the first sight, a nouell grief, issuing interchaunceable from him to her, and her to him, not so that they sawe eche other, in either of whom the contemplation was a mithridate to a pestered conceipted minde, but by the deep percing in sight therby susteined conceiued in each view so wonderfull and straunge an effecte, as in conclusion conuerted the former physickē it received, to a most encreasing and almost irrecuperable maladie,

Infinite were their desires (for to couet, is to mankinde naturall) but what it was they desired, or wherein consisted the determinate conclusion of the same, that by their simplicitie, could no waies be defined. If they coueted to see each other they saw, if to plaine togethers, they plained, if to speake, they spake, if mutuallye to embrase, they imbraced, and heereof there was unto them at all no kinde of controlment. At their libertie they enjoyed what they listed, and having all that they would, they could not yet conceiue therewar the principall part, of that they most desired. Contentment reposid it selfe vpon their deepest disquiet, and from their greatest discontentment sprang vppe againe their chieffest ease. Now was it in the decreasing time of the spryng, and freshest

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Sommer perking in her gayest pryde, made waye to her euerance, the flowrishing growth of euerie living thing, wated proude of their beeing. Nowe blossomed were the frutes on trees, and Ceres in her tillage, and Pomona in her orchardes, breched in the freshest ayre their sweetest sauours, Titan hauing wound hym selfe in the Crabbe, drewe fayre to the Lions cabin, whereby the season growing hoote, it seemed the Riuers and grauellie springes, placed in most coole and temperate shades, invited each youthfull gallant, to cheyze sweete pleasing baynes: Whereunto Zephyrus gentle bus-
ling thowte the twigges of the lofie Pines his comforta-
ble blastes, appeared by the pleasaunt murmur thereof, to make a kynde of Musique, by meanes of which trilled some-
tyme downe before them the sweete smelling appels from
the hyest braunches.

Phœbus spotting him selfe to glaunce through the thic-
kest grooues vpon their naked shapes, made Daphnis (enfla-
med both by an inward loue and heate of the present season) to
visite the springs, where casting him selfe into a delicate Riuier,
one whyle would hee chase the Swannes alofte, and an other
whyle cast hym selfe to the bottom, catching therewithall at the
smooche gliding fishes. Often would hee gulpe into his en-
trayles a great quantitie of the coole water, and then swimme
again washing & turning himselfe in the streme desirous to see if
therewithall the hotte parching heate hee sustaineid, migh-
anie wayes bee cooled: but all invaine, for that the force there-
of, by asafre more vehement furie, was inwardlye supported.

Chloe hauing by this time drawen foorth her sheepe and goats
to be milked, remained so much the lenger thereaboutes, for that
the sharpe singing flies buzzing round about her vnstained vi-
sage hadde in the drawing downe of the sonne something busilie
betrad her, wherevpon hauing washed her face in one of the
neareſt fountaines, shee gathered of all sortes of flowers, and
them wreathed, in the braunches and tenderest twygges of the
Pine-trees, whereof shee made a chapelet, and therewith crow-
ned her amber coloured tresses, and hauing girded her selfe in
the ſkinne of a mightye heart, buckled fast on her euē pressed

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shoulders, she filled one pot of wine and another of milke, and therewith came to entertaine her deere lie fauoured Daphnis. Who fastening his earnest lookes on her admirable beauties made wate to issue from the riuere, and she stroking againe his delicate limbes with fresh prepared clothes, finding nothing therein to be reprehended, (so rightly proportioned was hee in all fwtures) with many sweete embracings cloathed she him apace in his shepheards garmentes. In all this demeanour were not the conceites of Daphnis, in beholding her graces altogether vnoccupied, who seeing her compassed in such nymphlike attire, supposed one while that she was as the fayre Leda, who for her exceeding shafe, deserued sole to become the mother of the most beautifull Helena, an otherwhile him seemed that she was some Io, onely meete to be reserved to none other but for the mightie Jupiter, sometimes hee likened her to one of the *Nymphes* in the Cauue, whose lookes as he thought, caried of her behaviour a most notable ressemblance, and holding her pot in her handes of wine and milke towardes him, hee was wholie confused by *Loue* the force whereof distilling amaine within him, had wrought to his most secret entrailes. Smilingly therefore taking the Chapelet from her head, and with great devotione kissing it, he put it on his own, and taking in hand an harpe, whereon his softened strokes were varied with most excellent conning, he tuned the same forthwith, and song thereunto in her praises this dittie following.

Sweete streetned be the houres, the daies, the monthes and times,
Whereto with sweete conceipts my soule, thy sweetned fauor climes
Sweete be thy lookes, thy touch, thy speach, thy gate and all
Ten thousand sweetes betide thee still, whose sweetnesstaines them all,
Ye floures whose mortlie hues do pranke in Natures pride.
Dostrownd your selues, and for my sweete, your beauties lay aside.
Ye temprate westerne winds, whose aire yeilds sweetned breath
Denie your sweete to be as hers, whose sweet yeilds life or death
Ye deintie tuned fowles whose notes do decke the spring
Confesse in hearing of her soundes, your sweet small pleasure bring
Ye christall sacred springs, ye vales and mountaines bie,
Whose pleasant walkes her passage decks, and spreading fauours die

Agree

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Agree with me in this, my sweete (surpassing far)
Excels the sweetnes of you all, and doth your pleasures bar.

His song concluded in the delicate of this so great a commendation, Chloe tooke no small pleasure , in seeing her selfe thus brighte to be magnified in the liking of him, whom aboue al other she most enierly fauoured, wherefore inclining her lookes to his sweete distilling fauours, shee while conceiued she great pleasure in parting of his locks, brown in colour as the Mirtle berries, resembling therein the comlie shape of Adonis, lulled sometimes in the lap of Venus, and denoting in particular termes the som of al his perfections , with many sugred speches shee began to admire him, which kindling in Daphnis an earnest zeale in contemplacion of all her fauours, made him in farther deuonstration of the great felicitie he thereby conceiued, to adde vnto his former prais ses also, these succeding verses.

Those bears the golden wiers of my wel tuned sounde,
Become the pleasure of my panges, and make my ioyes abounde.
These seemely eies the glasse, whereof my fewtire staines,
And forehead large, she field on which, depends my blisfull raiers.
This mouth the deintie spring, that yeldes me cause of life,
These teeth the pearles of precious price, that cure mine inward grise.
These lips the curroll fresh, that comforts heart and mind,
These looks the guarders of my loue, by whom I fauor find.
Those cheeks the apples fresh, whereon Vermilion tainte,
Be mixed with the siluer white, my sugred pleasure paint.
These pits in dented cheeks, are chaires for Beautie plaste,
Wherin, triumphant fauor sits, impugning woes to waste.
This necke of yere white, confounder of my cares,
These hands the aids to further that, which loue for me prepares.
These feet the wished steps, whereout my ioyes arise
From these and out of these ensue, what els I may devise.
Thus decked in my ioyes, on her I gaze my fil
Whose shape hath power to comfort all, but never force to spill

Herewich Daphnis hauing taken his flute sounded thereupon

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viuers

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viuers excellent dicties. And so much as it grewe towards the midde of the daie, the melodiousnesse of the sound together with the heate of the season, brought Chloe a sleepe, their flockes by this time beeing couched all together vnder the shadie toppes which Daphnis perceiuing, stayed quickly his musique, and withdrawinge his flute, gave him selfe thereupon to gaze at full upon her most exquisite perfections. And seeing that there was none about him to counteraund his demeanours, hee began secretly thus to deliuere in him selfe. Oh howe sweetlie these eie liddes of my sayre and blisfull Chloe are couched together, howe delicate is the sent and saour of her breach, the sweetnesse whereof neither these alpine buddes, nor flowres them selues, doe in any sort imitate, yet dare I not for this, to kisse at all, these sweete sauours for that the very touch is more peccring than the swords point, and the force thereof cutteth the verie heart on sonder, and as the receipt of the newe made honie, so swelleth in those that touche it the harmefull popson thereof: Neither would I yet inforce that infurie to my Chloe, as by to rude pressing her lippes, to yeeld disturbance to her quiet. Alas these grasshoppers I feare me with their piping tunes, will wake my deerling. Pee cruell beastes, why hurt pee so rudely with your hornes, vnpacient as it seemeth to giue vnto my deerling any rest. O pee wolves, at this instant moze crauinlike then the foxes them selues, why rush pee not into these heardes to scatter them on sonder? Whyless Daphnis continued in these and such like complaintes, a seelie greshopper eagerly pursued by a Swallowe, cast her selfe by chance, for her sauegarde into the bosome of Chloe, by meanes whereof, the Swallowe neither was able to catche her, nor lenger could vse vnto her the force of her wing, notwithstanding, the birde came so neere that with fluttering vp and downe about her face, shee awakened Chloe out of her sleepe, the feare whereof, made the Nymphe, (for that shee knewe not what it was) to skritche a lowe, but when shee sawe the Swallowe yet fluttering too and fro about her, and Daphnis laughing by her at the harmelasse feare and spoile thereof, shee deemed the lesse of the matter, and rubbing her eies, yet greedie of sleepe, shee made her selfe readie to arise.

The

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The grashopper was yet betwene her brestes, and as on e de-
livered as it seemed from danger, and in the kinde it bare, wil-
ling to shewe it selfe thankefull, began to chante where shee sate,
remunerating thereby the good turne at her handes receiued, by
reason of which, Chloe not yet experienced of the accident, cried
outright, and Daphnis againe laughed apace at the spozt, and
loathing to grieue her ouermuch, conueied thereupon his hande
betwene her brestes, and tooke out the grassehopper, which yet
thankefull of his sauegarde continued chaunting betwene his
handes, wherupon the faire Shepheards knowing what it was,
tooke it againe & returned it soorthwith into her bosome. Shortly
hereupon it befell that a certayne Ringdeue sitting in a groue
hard by, began to sing, in whose song Chloe taking great delighte,
demaunded of Daphnis the reason thereof, wherupon the gentle
Goatheard desirous of her vnmist satisfaccion, began to recompe
vnto her, this storie following.

There was (my vere) sayd hee, in times passed, a young da-
mosell fayre of shape, and in the prime of her age, bewifull as
your selfe, who keeping her cattell upon these pastures, had right
excellene skill, both to sing and playe delicately. Her beastes
had pleasure in her tunes, and so delightfull was the sounde of
her voyce and pipe, that shee gouerned them at pleasure, and was
able to drawe them whither she would.

This beautifull Nymph sitting vnder a statelie Pine, ha-
ving her head crowned with the leaues thereof, one daye hap-
pened to sing a song in the honour of Pan, wherewih her beastes
began so earnestly to be enclined, as that they drewe them close
to her soundes. Neare vnto her was there likewyse keeping of
Cattell a certaine young youth, freshe and froolike as her selfe,
Who right well handled his pipe, and could theron playe manie
deinctie ditties. One daye amongst the rest, with intent to shewe
that his comming was not bad, hee tooke his pipe in hande, and
theron in diaigne of the Nymph, placed so sweetely and melo-
diously, as that with the ouerpleasing sounde thereof, hee drewe
from her eight of her fayrest beastes, pursuing the sweetnesse of
his Pipe, doe what shee could, and made them to ioyne to
his companie, wherewith the poore wenche vexed for grieve &

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intollerable dispise, to see hit flockes so muche to be diminished, and chiefly also, that she was thus ouercome in hit own cunning, tooke so great a grieve of the same, as that shee praied the gods, and they vouchsafed to change hit into a soule, rather than any more wþt such infamie to returne to hit dwelling. This performed, and she, as you see, being made a bird of the mountaine, in accustomed sort, followeth vp and downe, plaining hit ill hap and losse of hit beasts, whome she seeketh, being thus as she was unluckily ouercome, and singing as she was woont to doe, recei-
neth yet some part of hit auctient tunes and sorrowfull complai-
nings.

In these, and such like deuises, spent they the dispotes of the pleasant Summer, till Autumnne drawing on, the vintage began to approch, for that the grapes grew fully to be ripened, in which time certaine rousers of Tyre, hauing a Foist rigged and manned lately from Carye, hapned to come aland vpon the Island, and roming vppe and downe here and there vpon the countrey, they pilled and spoiled all places where they came, and armed as they were, ranne into every corner to take what they could get, where-
by, as chance hapned, they tooke great store of wines, graine, and honys, the noueltie wherof was such, as it was yet in the ware, and therewithall robbed and spoiled the scelie Dorcon of all his beasts and catell, leauing the man soþe wounded, and wel-nigh dead with their blowes. And coursing as they were vp and down in the Island, Daphnis by ill hap walking on the sea-banke, was by them surprised, for yet was not Chloe gone soþt wþt her sheepe, being early dayes, and fearing (for she was alone) to be inforced, by some other of the rudeſt ſort of the ſheepheards. The rousers ſeeing this yong youth, faire, ſeenily, and ſtrong, and thin-
king him of better regard than any part else of their prize, they made no further purſue after his goates, but contenting themſelues with his person, and that they had beſides, they returned againe to their foift: Daphnis cryeng out vpon Chloe, the re-
membraunce of whome in this extremity did onely conſume him.

These theenes being ſcarce got aboard, and not yet makynge way with their oares into the ſtreame, Chloe by this time was come

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come vnto the pastures with hit sheepe , and sailing of Daphnis
in the place of their accustomed meetings , seeing therewithall
his goats and tender kiddes all scattered and disperced , here and
there , she began to feare the woost . At last , hearing his voice ,
yet crieng and complaining after her (for yet was hee with
sound) she leſt hit sheepe , and throwing downe her pipe , hastened
with all speede possible to Dorcon , in minde to require his aide ,
whome betwene life and death ſhee ſounde groueling vpon the
ground , halfe ſlaine of the theeuers , and ſcarce able for faintnes
to deliuere his minde vnto hit , hauing lost of his bloud an excee-
ding quantitie . The cow-heard yet perceiving Chloe to be there ,
the remembrance of his antient loue , kindled in his minde ſome
nuell forces , whereby inforcynge himſelue a little , he thus ſayde
vnto hit : My deere Chloe , thou commest cuen nowe vnto mee
at the rendyng of my ghost , for long I knowe I cannot liue , ſo
many wapes haue theſe cruell rouers wounded me , and beat me
downe as an ore in the stall : neuertheleſ , if thou wil , it is yet
in thy power to ſaue Daphnis , and to be revenged on the wicked
creatures for my death . I haue (Chloe) hittherto accustomed my
beaſts to the ſound of my pipe , and that in ſo certaine and allu-
red manner , as in the hearing thereof , be they never ſo far from
me , they wil yet by all meaneſ poſſible draw hemewards againe :
take here my Flute quickly , and haſting to the ſea-coaſt , ſound
vnto the beaſts my tune , that often before this thou haſt heard me
teach vnto Daphnis , and wherein thy ſelue I knowe , art rea-
ſonably well inſtrucred by him , at the hearing whereof , my beaſts
I dare affirme thee will ſhife to come backe , and Daphnis there-
by may be ſaued . My Flute I freely giue vnto thee for thy tra-
uell , whereon heretofore I haue gained the prize among all the
heardsmen , onely for recompence I require at thy hands but once
to kiffe me , whilſt yet I am now dieng , and that my ſoule ſhal
forthwith depart the bodie . and when I am gone , bewaile my
death , an yet thinke vpon Dorcon at the leaſt wiſe when here-
after thou ſhalt beholde any others a keeping of their cattell , who
once aboue all others ſo entirely loued thee .

Hauing deliuered vnto her theſe ſpeeches , the kiffe he recey-
ued of Chloe , and his life ended at one instant togither . Where-

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Upon she tooke his pipe, and soorthwith sette it to his mouth, on which the blasts she vlewe were so shyll, that the beastes hauing knowledge thereof, and the tune thereby deliuered, they albegther with one amase, bussed out of the foist, and iointly with one poise rushed into the sea, which being but on the one side alone of the ship, the force and waight of the multitude was so great, that therewith they quite ouerturned the vessels, and whelmed men and all therein into the sea, but not with one and the selfe same hove of safetie: for that the cheeues beeing clogged with theyz harnessse, swordes, and other defensiuue weapons, were not able by the waight thereof long to helpe themselues, but Daphnis being light as the Summer season required, vnshod and naked in the upper pares, easilly came to land, supported by the hornes of two of these oxen iointly, betwene whome, having cast himselfe, he was easilly carried to land, for these kind of beastes by common opinion hauing longer force of swimming than any other creatures whatsoeuer, except onely the fishes and water-soules, the proffes whereof haue beene made by diuers. In this sorte, as you haue heard, escaped the poore Daphnis in dangerous aduentures at one instant togithers^l, the one in becomming a perpetuall bondslauie to the cheeues, the other after escape of that hazard, in being deliuered from drowning.

In being come soorth of the sea, he found Chloe vpon the shone betweene hit former distilled teares, and present reioicing of his safe arriuall, entertaining him at one instant togithers & wherevpon, casting himselfe betweene hit armes, he desired to vnderstand of hit the cause of hit playing at that instant on the Flute. Chloe, vpon such demand recounted unto him the whole progressyon of speech betweene hit and Dorcon, the use of his beastes to that sound, the robberie, spoile, and woundes by him receiued, finally, his death, and before his dying, how he committed to her vsage the custode of his pipe, onely of modestie abstained shee to tell of her kissing him, as a matter ouer and besides the chance of that his present delinery. But Daphnis recreated of his heauie labours, forgaſt not for to honour the memorie thereof in the person of Dorcon for a perpetuall remembraunce, and therefore togither wþh his parents and friendes celebratzed accordingly his

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his vnhappy funeralles, as by the death of whome grewe the occasion of his unlooked for escape out of so manifest perilles. His body therefore being closed in the ground, Daphnis with other sheepeheards round about his graue, planted sundry trees, and eache one hung, vpon the boughs semie part of his cunning maisteries, they cast also therevpon hallowed grapes, and milke, and for that he was cunning vpon the flute, they firs over his graue sundrie sortes of pipes. His beasts being come ashore, pitcously belowed, and cryed after him, which some heardsmen interpreted to be a sorrowfull lamentation, for the want of their guide and maister.

When Dorcon was thus enterred, Chloe tooke here Daphnis, and led him to the caue of the Nymphs, where shee cleansed and washed his bodie, neat, and pure of it selfe, as the whitest alabaster, afterwards gathering together sundry sortes of floures, as the pleasant season of the yeare then freshly serued, they made chapelets for the images, and ouer the mouth of the caue amonst the other instruments, tendered vnto the Nymphs the flute of Dorcon, as an offering, which being finished, they returned both againe to thir flockes, whomie they founde all sorrowfully couched together on the tender grasse, abstaining (as it seemed) from their foode, for the losse of thos who were woon to gouerne them, whomie they deemed to be utterly perished. But haunting againe the sight of their beloued guides, they fell afresh to their pastures, the sound of whose voices and melodious piping, made them for to taste the better thair accustomed seeing.

The goats couched before in the lowest bushes, began now to peke to the hilles, the kiddes skipped for ioy, the sheepe and tender lambs amazed no more, but vniuersally rejoiced at their presence. Sittting therefore downe on the hillockes, whilst Chloe wearied with ernest labours, & moiled with trauell for the search of hit Daphnis, gaue hirselfe to the fountaine, wherin to bathe and wash hir tender limmes: the parts discouered vnto the yong goat-heard, carrieng in themselves the purenesse of hir complexion, renewed afresh in his imaginacions the thoughts of his loue. Now began he again to pant & breath, as if newly he were to be inforced

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for a pray to the cheues, nowe languished he in like sorte by his secret imaginacions, and so much also inwardly swelled, as it had bene one that had dronke popson, his pulces furiously beat by a disordered heat, as if yet his spirits had beene chased, he liued & longed, and looking was neuer satisfied of that, which alwaies hee most desired. The christall waters contained onely in one slender spring, in which the Nymph washed her selfe, became vnto his sight, more fearefull than the verie deepest seas. Him seemed therupon his life as yet stood in hazard, at the hands of the most meriles rousers. And thus continuing in these variable fits, liued poore Daphnis sequestred from the due accompt and benefit of all his passed pleasures, like vnto such a one as him selfe, who beeing alwaies nourished in the fieldes, knewe not howe to make decerement of *Lone* or any part of his subtleties. But shee whose gracious lookes were replenished with all kinde of fauour towardes him, perceiving the melancholie Muse wherunto he was driven, now fresh as the cristall dewes had made her, and much like vnto one of these daughters of the Springs, or Neptunes berling, the faire Venus her selfe issuing out of one of her fathers rivers, in such maner approached she his presence, wherfore for y she was the soueraign guide and director of all his thoughts, she quickly could finde the delay wherewith his continuall coursing fancies were presently to be mitigated. Whereupon ioyning her selfe side to side vnto him, each greeting the other with many louing imbracements, they enterchangeable framed their tunes one to the other, concluding that daies traueill with this sonet folowing,

Daphnis. *Ye brightest gleames within those percing eies
Whose glimpse retaines a shew of power deuine
Enclose your selues, for feare from loftie skies
Some envious star do at your glory pine.*

Chloe *Ye mightie powers, to whom these sacred groves
Right plesing bene. And Nymphes that haunt this shade,
Erue you not with wreake the hardye proues
That Natures selfe in Daphnis shape hath made*

Daphnis

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Daphnis Alas if Phœbus shold she beat for-thinke
That once for loue in buring breast he bare
And mazed at thy fawter, gin to shrincke
From her to thee, then woe beside my share.

Chloe Alas if Venus stealing to her Springs
In mind her sweet Adonis to embrace
Thy curled locks should vew whose beautie stings
And thee for him admire, then woe my cace.

Daphnis Excelling iemels, beare the choisest price
I bings lesse in shewe, ensue alwaies the best:
Lesse Phœbe shines, when Tytan ginnes to rise
Where mightie force effects, there shrowds the least.

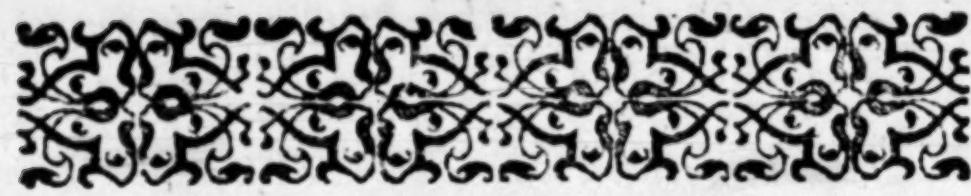
Chloe Unmatch'd pearles, haue value still for showe
When best exceeds, who can denie the place
Though things be rated hie, yet this we knowe
It (needs) excels, whose weight hath highest grace,

Daphnis Be honored then, thou Nimphe of all the flockes

Chloe Be fairest thou of all that guide their heard

Daphnis Let still thy name resound on hiest rockes

Chloe And Chloë ne're be of thy chaunge afraid.



The second booke of the loues pasto- rall of Daphnis and Chloe.



By this time had the haruest season ripned and caried
in all the corne, and the vintage began apace to bee
brought in hand, Bacchus feasted in his glorie sate
environed with the vines and the Bacchanals of the
youthful god were now to be cellevated. The people
of *Mitelene* each where prepared their vessels fitte and meet for
this season, some beginning to haue in a readines their presse, o-
thers to wash their tannes, some to make pots and panniers wher-
in to conuey the grapes, others to sharpe their hookes, sheares and
knives wher-with to cut downe the stalkes, this man prepared
pestles to bryse the grapes, they againe scaled hempe to be beaten
wher-with to make cresset-light to continue burning for them,
when the wine warden ready for tunning. Daphnis and Chloe
were not idle in these companies, who putting them-selues also
forwardes to the common labour, were of all sortes of the people
generallie cche where liked and commended. Hee for his part,
caried the grapes in the panyers, and trode them in the troughe; af-
terwardes also tunned the newe wines, and gaue him selfe
wher trauell unto everie exercise. Shee likewise tricking her
selfe nearelie, made sondrie things ready for the workemen, dres-
sed their maces, and prepared for them wines of the olde yeare
passed, and mingled with milke, and when shee had so done, then
would shee retourne againe to the vines, and from the banches
that shee might easelie attaine unto, cut downe the grapes, for the
vines of *Vignenoble* in *Mitelene*, doe all for the most part growe
allowe, oþ at the least-wisneuer to hie, oþ spreading to much on
the trees, wheron the banches pendaunt also are commonly so
weightie and great, and spreadding themselues there-with into
such length and breadth, as that a childe of fourre oþ five yeares
old,

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olde, may almost reach vnto them.

And as the custom is in these Bacchanales, wher the grapes are in this sorte gathered in, they call from all places of their biliages, their neighbours, as well men as women togethers to help in the vintage. According wher vnto they being there assembled a wonder was it to see the womanish demeanours of the most part of those gossips, what censures each of them gaue of þ young shepheard Daphnis. They seemed eache of them to bee enamored on all his particularities, some of them hauing in choysefull reckoning his talke and seemely stature, some his youthfull countenances, not yet fullie growne vnto manly ripenes, others his abourne locks curled naturally in the forepartes glides, and artificiallie kemmed and tressed behinde, ou his shoulders, this againe had in estimat his faire & goodly forehead, eyes, & other seemlie proporcionald features not to be despised, shee looked on his legs straighe and hie calued, that commended his amiable fauours, beeing such as where-with the Nymphes them selues might not disdaine to bee acquainted. With those, his acciuicie was greatlye praiſed, and by them againe his ſkill in Musique principallie extolled.

One amongſt the reſt vnpacient, as appeared of her ſeruent affection, running vppon a ſudden to the bashfull Shepheard, kiffed ere hee was aware his delicate lippes, wherewith as one that had beene pricked or ſtong with a waspe, the blushing youth angrie in his minde at the wrong to him tendered in his Chloes preſence, rubbed and reuiled his lippes, as if thereby he had ſufſeined ſome notable blemiſhe.

Rowe as the women fedde thus their galling eies vppon Daphnis, ſo likewife the men on the other ſide vppon the ſurpaſſing demeanours of Chloe grewe greatlye to bee amazēd. Her gestures to them appeared of ſo notable excellencie, as with the like wherof their groſſe conceyptes had ſeldome before beene inbred. The vnaccuſtomed galing of whom had caſt in her ſeemeſſe liuifage, a vermillion more perfect, than reſted in the frefhe ſpringing roſe, wherewith the verie colour of the fine and fresh garden lillie beeing conſerued, a mixture ſo exquisite and deuinie thercout arose, as that it ſeemed the pureſt and liuelieſſe

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counterfeit of a sweet fauoured beautie, that might be, had taken
harbour in hit countenaunce. They daunted oftentimes, and
skippyd about hit, as whilom did the Satyres in their madding pa-
stimes, full oftentimes wished they themselues to haue become
as the sheepe and tender lambes, the rather to be resiant in the
company of so seemely a sheepeheardesse, and often to be dallied
with and touched in hit delicate hands. The inducements wher-
of, grewe unto the seckie Chloe, so tedious, as before the severall
usages of the others had bene unto Daphnis. Often wished they
jointly, that these vintages were once passed, and that their li-
bertie (sequestred from those vnused societies) might returne to
the again in haunting the valleis, as they were to-fore time accu-
stomed, and that in steade of these fawning praises, they mighc
once heare againe their mellodious flutes in the fields amongst
their flockes freshly to be sounded.

After a fewe dayes nowe passed, and the vintage something
spent, their wishes therewith began also to take effect, by means
whereof Chloe in wooned guise ledde earelie in the morning her
sheepe to the pastures: Daphnis also secked amongst his heardes,
as one that had a long tyme beene estranged from his delights,
began with pleasure to haunt the downes, and sometimes with
his goats to climme the steepest rockes. It was a world of liking
vnto him, to toine his pipe and tuncs to her notes, sometimes
also plaied she sweetly vppon his flute, whereunto, one while
with his voice, an other while with his musike would Daphnis
answere againe artificially. Then dooing their wooned obser-
uances to the Nymphs, they visited their caues, groves, and plea-
sant fountaines, and on their statues hung they many bunches of
their faict grapes: Chloe renued againe their heads and tres-
ses, with fresh herbs and floures, and dallieng afterwards toge-
thers, as beeing returned to the place and resiaunce of all theyr
happinesse, they entred into their wooned sheepeheardes pas-
times.

Now as they were thus playieng, and spending the tyme togi-
thers, there hapned into their company on a sudden, an auncient
heardsmen, his head and beard snowish white for age, but yet not
altogether spent in yeates, who beeing clothed in the fashion of
the

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the oldest sheepeheards, saluted these darlings, and presenced thē with sundry fruits which he had brought thither in his budget. And resting himselfe vpon the soft turfe hard by their sides, beganne to enter wþch them into diuers discourses. The yoong sheepeheard and his *Nymph* had pleasure to heare him, and with great attention gaue heede to all the speeches, that by his auncient experience were deliuered, which hee perciuing, the good old man continued with great good wil, & hauing ended the same, and they both woondring vñl what hee was, hee entered at the last with them into these termes following.

I am, my sonne (said he) the aged Philetas, which heretofore haue honoured these *Nymphs*, and haunts, with diuers and sundry ditties, and yet record I my flute at this day, nothing woxne from the ancient melodie, in the honour of the mightie Pan. Many stately heardes heretofore haue I guided, and onelye by the sound of my Pipe, to all thinges constrained, and to this ende came I nowe vnto you, to tell you what I haue seene, and what on your behalfe, hath by the mightie soueraigne of *Loue* beene deliuered vnto mee. There is no hill nor groue heereabouts that hath beene unknowne vnto me, no valley that I haue not haunted, nor spring or fountaine, but I haue rasted, full ofte in my youth haue I reposed these decayed limmes vppon the sweetest grasse, and with pleasure haue I soong vpon these hillockes our sheepeheards merry lapes and pastimes.

And nowe vnderstante yee, that I haue heere-by a very faire nurserye, which by mine owne handie exercise I haue sowed, planted, laboured, and trimmed, with all kinde of delicacies, euen sicchence the very time that (constrained by creeping age) I haue abstained any more to feed and watch my beasts, vpon these goodly plaines. Within my nurserie, there is nothing, that for the season of the yeare may be desired, but I haue it there seated. For the spring tyme, I haue roses, violets, flourdelis, hearbs, and other deuises of sundry sortes: for the summer, peares, apples, cherries, plummes, berries, and fruities of all kinde of pleasure. Now for this season of autumne haue I also, grapes, figs, nuts, orange, pomegranates, mirtles, and twentie other like pleasures. To this nurserie by reason of the scituacion and delicate

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haue custonably alwayes resorted diners sortes of birdes, of the
brauest kindest, flocking in troopes, both to feed and solace them-
selues, chancing on the branches and hedge-rowes thereabout,
their harmonious soundes, wherein the couere being very spaci-
ous and wide, by reason of the great number of trees, every where
growing, giuen unto them the moze scope and pleasure a great
deale, whereby at will they might recreat them selues all toge-
thers.

In thre sundry places of this plotte, ariseth thre p̄incipall
fountaines, issuing from the most sweetest and holesome spryngs,
watering with their euer-flowing coppes, all ouer the gardens.
The grounde beeing so wide, and the trees so thicke, make the
place seeme a farre off as if it were a woode. Whiles warily I
haue daye by daye attened my fruities, and with great pleasure
hearkened after the soundes of these gentle birdes, beholde, for a
great space together ech day about noone, I haue perceiued tripp-
ping in the shade, vnder my mirtle trees, & pomegranats, a faire
yong boy, holding in ech hand pomegranats and mirts. His shape
white as the colour of milke, an other time red as the glowing
fire, his skinne pure, neate, and cleane, as if euē nowe he were
come sooth of some pleasant riuier, naked is he alwayes in shew,
and euer alone, and without company: him seemeth to haue great
felicitie, in gathering my floures, my fruities, and my berries, and
that doth he so freely and so carelesse of checke or controlment, as
if the plot were his owne, and not belonging at all to anye other
but himselfe, which hauing often perceiued, I indeuored manie
times to runne vnto him, fearing least in his tripping and skip-
ping vp and downe, he might happen to breake my mirtle twigs
& pomegranat branches, but nor for this could I euer so muche
as once reach neare vnto him, so nimble is he in his flight, and
wherewithall so swift, and beeing so escaped, then cooleth bee
himselfe couertly, shrowding vnder the rostiers, and sometymes
vnder the broad spreading poppies, no otherwise than if it were
some preacie slyng partridge.

Many times haue I coursed after the yoong sucking kiddes,
and often followed after my tender calues, but this ihan those, see-
much a farre more contrarie passance, for doe what I coulde, I
might

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might never attaine vnto him, no, when sometimes hee hath almost seemed to be vnder my handes. Wherefore, seeing that no pursuite auailed, and considering, that by reason of mine age I became wearie, and fainted, I leaned once on my stasse, watching alwayes his goings, that still I might keepe him in sight, and the tripping lad, drawing somethong neere mee, I began to reason with him after my manner, and demaunded therevpon, what neighbourhooде he had vnto vs, and vpon what occasion hee cooke vpon him in such manner to enter my nurserie and garden, and without leauе or other demaunde, in sorte as hee did to gather my floures and fruities, wherevnto he answered me nothing, but approaching somethong more neere vnto me, he sweetly beganne soz to smile, and daintily seemed soz to spozze at mee, casting with his delicate handes, the mirtle berries on my face and brest. What operation the same might by nature haue received I knowe not, but with the soft touching blowes, I felt my senses and minde immediatly towardes him to be mollified, neither could I afterwardes soz my lise, so much as seeme augrie.

Being thus calmed of all mine eager pursuite agast hym, I conuerced therevpon my colloqe to intreacq; gently praying that vpon assurance, and without any feare or doubt at all hee woulde come vnto me, swearing by my Mrys and all my pleasant fruities and nurseries, that with as much good wil as might be, I woulde let him go againe, and besides of my mirtle berries, and fairest pomegranats would giue vnto him also the best choice and pleney, and suffer him at all times after when hee kisst, to gather both floures and fruities at his pleasure, onely that soz all these courtesies and offers, he woulde permit me at his daintie cheekes to haue but one sole kisse. Here-vpon the gentle lad beganne to laugh right harkily and apale, and with a gay and pleasant cheere, filled with alt kinde of delight that might be, hee sendezed vnto my hearing a sound so swete, amiable, and well pleasing, as there is no nightingale, thrush, or other kinde of bird whatsoever, that hauneth either woods or hedge-rowes, that ever gaue foorth the like, or carried in hit tunes, so delightfull a melodie, and in the deliuery thereof thus he saide vnto me.

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It can not, nor shall (Philetas) bee vnto me a paine to kisse thee, for that of mine owne instinc, and proper condicione, the amiable custome thereof, is giuen to delight mee, and moxe estimate and pleasure haue I therin, then there is desire in thee to recover thy pouch and wonted passed spottes, wherein thou hast bene conuersant, againe. But take heede that what herein thou demaundest of me, retourne not in the end to thine own hurt and damage, as a thing altogether vnsit and disagreing to thy present age. For that I can assure thee, that notwithstanding thine auncient estate, wherein thou thinkest thy selfe to be vterly freed, if but in the least sorte that might be my lippes should touch thee, thou shouldest yet as horelic bwoile in desire, and couet to follewe me, as anie others. Nowe is my flight so great, as there is neither Egles, Falcon, nor other foule whatsouer, be their winges neuere so swifte, that can ouertake me.

I am not as thou deemeist, a childe, albeit in my shape there is at all no other appearance, but for my offspring am more antient then olde Saturne, or anie auncientrie it selfe. When thou Philetas wast here a young-man, and in the flowre and prime of thy youth and iolitie, when thou feddest thy heardes in these marshes, then and long before that, did I knowe thee. Thy playing here on these hillockes and plaincs, whereon thou often soundest vnto the hilles and rockes thy wonted tunes, are not to mee unknownen. Neither thy farre Amarillis on whose yongfull beauties, thy amours waded then so feruent, and notwithstanding nor shee, nor thou coulde euer perceiue mee, yet was I still in the middest of your loues, neare, and euermore here and there about you. By me Philetas thou enjoyedst her as thine owne, by meanes whereof thou hast obtained many children, who as thy selfe are at this instant growen vp to be good heardsmen and labourers. So nowe haue I also in like charge two imps of the same kinde, sacred from their infancie to the *Nymphes*, and honouring in their shepheard habites, both the pastures & downes, Daphnis and Chloe, derlings vnto bewties selfe, and vnto whose affections both Pan and Satires become charie. Having this morning brought them together vnto the downes, I entred immediatly for my dispore into thy noursearie, culling as thou seest, thy fruities flowres and trees,

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trees, which thou by thy fruitfull labour hast there planted, and washing my shape in thy fountaines, doe solace my selfe round about the same, which is the cause Philetas, why all thy plantes and herbes do grow with so great successe, and are in their prime so faire and seemely to shewe, for that by the selfe same spring wherein my louing lummes are bathed, thy flowres and plants be watered.

For prooofe of this, behold thy trees, and al thy nourserie ouer, round about, and see if by reason of my passage, spoyle or daliance there-on, any one iote be broken or perished, the fruities any thing spoiled, or either stalke or herbe, so much as by any of my steps foiled, or thy fountaines troubled, and then repute thereby thine owne happynesse, who only among all others of thine age, hast the daily successe and fruition of my wished companies. He had no sooner deliuered vnto me these speaches, but fluttering forthwith ouer my Mirtes, no otherwise then if it had bin some pretie pleasante dbrest, he perched frō twig to twig through & besides the green leaues, and in the end mounting to the verie toppe of the tree, I there perceiued his bowe, his arrowes, his quiver and winges at his backe, in the beholding and admiring whereof, he sodenly vanisched away, and I beheld him no more. If now my white heares and aged experiance, may giue testimonie of any accident, or that my iudgement thereby may be auailable in ought, then dare I assure vnto you both, that you be chairie vnto Lome, and that the respectes and speciall disposition of your actions are wholie deuoted vnto his godhead. Daphnis and Chloe giuing heede to this sage conclusion of the auntient Philetas, conceiued as great felicitie therein, as if he had reported vnto them a matter impoſing a myghtie kingdome, vpon which occasion, they began earnestly to demaunde of him, what maner of thing it migh̄t be, that so was termed and called by the name of Lome, if it were an infant, a birde, or what other thing els that might be conceiued, and what was the power and force, and in what manner it swaied. Wherupon old Philetas answered them againe. Lome, said he, is a God, young, faire, and beautifull to beholde, feathered also with wings, by reason whereof his apparence is soden, and taketh pleasure to be conuersant with young folkes, he searcheth fauours, & makeþ

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the hearts of men to flie as it were with winges , his powre is
mightyer then that of Iupiter, hee ruleth ouer the Elements and
starres, & ouer those also who are gods as him selfe. Your selues
haue not so great soueraigntie ouer your flocks, as he hath powre
ouer the world. The flowres herbes and trees , are the labours of
Lone, by him the waters coole, and the windes doe blowe . I haue
seen in the verie beastes and birds also his powre to haue greatly
swayed. I my selfe some-times being young , loued the faire and
fresh Amarillis,in which time of the continuance and seruencie of
mine affection, my feeding and appetite was taken away , I ca-
red neither to drinke nor eate , nor was capable of any ease or
quiet, melancholie and sadnes ministred my pleasure , my heart
panted in the dailie imagination of her whome I loued , some-
times seemed I to be in a traunce, an other time as one that were
beaten or tormentid in his toyntes. Verie flames as I thought,
were kindled within me , for the stanching wherof, I often cast
my selfe into the riuers , and called often-times the mighty Pan
to releue me, as he that once had beene amourous him selfe of the
faire Pithys , and therefore was not vnderexperienced of such louely
passions. I often thanked the *Nymphe Echo*, in that beeing in
the woods, shee sondrie times would repeate, the name of sweete
Amarillis after me. In so much as perciuing my selfe manie
wayes to be perplexed, I never could finde anie remedie whereby
to lessen the vehement and ardent flames that fretted within
me, saue onely the last and finall conclusion of all manner of af-
fection, which was the sole and onely linke whereby enchainid
eache to other , my long beloued Amarillis did at the last em-
brace me. In the enioying whereof I founde that kisses gaue ease
to sighes, liking to longing, and bedding eache with other after
mariage concluded, the same of all our determined affection.

Philetas having thus debated with these seelie louers, leuing
(by discription of him selfe) within them, a plaine and euident
discouerie of their owne knowne dispositions , and continued
griefes, departed at the last vnto his dwelling. Upon all which
speaches, Daphnis for his part was not vnmindfull , but finding
in him selfe, a perfect patterne of all that by Philetas was before
discoursed vpon, he founde himselfe nowe in greater distresse then
before,

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before, so that *Loue* had long since alreadie begon to touch him to the quicke, wherefore seeing by all similitudes of comparing him selfe with the discouerie vttered by Philetas betwene him & his Amarillis, that the passion he sustaineſ, was only by *Loue*, and that to the quenching and satisfaction therof belonged, that eche of them might freely and soly inioy eache other, hee began now to studie by all meanes possible how & in what ſoꝝ he might best endeuout to compasse the ſame. And hearing that *Loue* was a God, and remembraunce therewithall that the like of the ſame ſhape and proportion which Philetas had to them deſcribed, appeared to their parents in a viſion, at ſuch time as by expreſſe direcſion both hee and *Chloe* were committed to their cattell keeping, hee began in minde, with humble obſeruaunce to reverence him. But ſoꝝ alſmuch as the extremities reþorted by Philetas to be continued in his loue, had bꝝen in Daphnis moꝝe perſeverance then the euent alſo therein deliuered, could by anie coniecture of his owne, ſucceed to good and preſent end, the ſhepheard vered with his auncient paſſion (renued by a freshe conceiſ of an other imagination) brake into this complaint, which as a testimony to Pan and the other Nymphs, of his vniuialble meaning, hee reſerved at one time or other in ſome of the trees there-abouts to be engrauen.

To loue alas, what may I call this loue?
This uncouth loue, this paſſion wondrous ſtrange,
A miſchiefe deadlie, ſuch as for to proue
My heart would ſhunne, iſ powre I had to chaunge.

To chaunge ſaid I? recant againe that ſound
Recant I muſt, recant it ſhall indeed
Sith in my heart ſo many things abound
As yeelds deſert how ere my fancies ſpeede.

Sweete is the lure that feeds my gazing eies
Sweete be the looks, that whet my hot deſire
Sweete is the harbour where my quiet lies
But to unſweete, ſhe meaneſ for to aſpire.

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Yet must I loue? I must, and so I doe.
Suppose it hard the thing whereat I reach
Who doubtles but pearles are for the best to woe
And greatest mindes to highest actions stretch.

Be witnes yet (my flockes) of all my paine
And sacred groves that knowe my iust complaint
Let aie my loue within this barke remaine
Whom harmefull force haue neuer power to taint.

Concluding in this solitary fantasie the lode-Carre of his hapinessse , who for a little time after the departure of Philetas , had wandered downe to the riuers , approaching apase , the very apparence of whome was as the comfortable Sunne in the Spring time , casting his radiant beames for stirring vp and quickening of all earthly creatures . Their entermetting togither was not without the accustomed pleasure and torment , the mixture whereof , neither grewe alcogether exempted from the danger of one other particular most strange kinde of accident , and thus fell out the matter .

There was a company of rich and wealthy youths of the towne of Metelene , who intending to take a little pleasure on the wa- ter, coasted in a calme sea , as it happened from the territorie of their owne citie, downe along the coast of Metelene , the bounenesse whereof, made the passage the more pleasaunt , in that the same is curiously decked with faire and most excelent buildings. These yong men , passing along as they did , by the Island side, landed in diuers places at their pleasure, not offering violence or hurt to any thing , but quietly still tooke the delight they came for , and departed . They fished , angled , and sowled , with ginnes , nettes , and hookes at their pleasure , and the country being fer- tile of it selfe , they not onely satisfied their delight with p[re]sent pastime , but filled also the table the better with good victelles. And so somuch as their intendment was onely to be merry a- broad , they resolued to fasten their boat for one night , with their corde vpon the sea side , and there continue themselves in a towne hard by vppon the side of the Island .

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It chanced that the vintage , not yet being fully gathered in, the laborers working in the night as well as by day, one of them by occasion, had to vse a strong corde , which for that he had none of his owne , he went to the coast hard by , and tocke the corde wherewith the boat was fastned . These youths in the morning, seeing the hazard of their boat, being so at libertie, made earnest inquirie of the w^rong doone , but the party that did it could not be found : wherefore chiding with their host alittle for the iniurie, they retired backe againe into their vessell, and having coursed vp along the coast about two leagues and moxe , they came at the last on that partie of the countrie where Daphnis and Chloe pastured theic heards together . And for that the soile on that side the coast was altogither large and plaine, almost without any couert , they determined to land there againe , and to haue a course or otherwise to hunc , with their dogges or houndes , if so they might be suffered . For which cause they alighting all togither from their boat, drew the same as neere to the shoare as coulde be, and cutting downe the braunches from a greene oziar standing hard by , they wreathed the strongest of them that they coulde bend , and therewith fastned their boat safe enough (as they did thinke) to the land.

Being now on the plaines furnished with their dogs,hounds, and other necessaries, they began to place their toiles , on those sides and places that to them seemed conuenient and necessarie, but their dogges coursing very euill , ranne here and there verye disordered , insomuch as leauing the game , they ranne into the middest of the heards of Daphnis and Chloe , and their continuall baying at their very heeles, fraied so much the goats & sheep, that all of them beganne therewpon to be immediatly scattered, whereof the most part of the goats turning directly vpon the sea coasts , Daphnis ranne after the one part of them, and Chloe after the other.

The goats there continuing, and hauing neither bush or ought else to browze vpon , got them to the oziar wreath, with whiche the boat was fastned, and browzing two or three of them vpon it, quickly riuied the same in sunder, whereby the boat being loosed, floated , by reason of the violence of the waues, immediatly vpon

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the seas. The Methiniens misliking their spoile, and drawing downe unto the coast, missed the boate, and enraged deeply by reason that with such misaduenture, the same, by tempest was thus vehemently carried, had no other revenge, but altogether fell upon the poore and solitarie Daphnis. Nowe had the sheep-heards namelie to make any resistance against a multitude, but defending himselfe as hee coulde, hee kepte them backe, till he had cried and called for more aid. Therupon Lamon & Dryas, olde Philetas and others a number, that were neare about them, came soorth, and desirous to knowe the cause of the griefe of the Methiniens, they declared, as before you haue heard, that beeing at their spoile, and having fastened their boate with a strong oziar band, the goates of Daphnis by their euill accidence and keeping had browzed the same in sunder, wherein their apparell, money, iewelles, and divers kindes of prouision being, in the same by misaduenture of the losenesse and tempest was utterly lost.

The whole fault and accusation hereof, they vtterly laid to Daphnis, and for sentence therein they were content to bee adjudged by Philetas. Daphnis, hee contrary-wise pleaded for himselfe, that in keeping his goates there a long time together they never did spoile or offence to any man, but that the badnes of their hounds, & their owne unskilful hunting drudging themselves amongst his heards, made them to take the sea-coast, where whilist he was gathering the greatest number together, two of them lay browzing vpon the greene oziar without his knowledge. Philetas hauing heard both allegations, freed Daphnis fro hurt, and imputed the whole fault as it was to the Methiniens, the yong men enraged herewith, beganne to stand vpon force, and answeared, that either they woulde haue Daphnis as slauie for the trespass, or otherwise be there recompenced their losses.

Here-uppon ensued on all sides a great hurlie-burlie, and the Metelins drawing in still to their aides, the Methiniens were quite beaten out with their losses and discomfited. Being returned home to their Cittie, they enforced marueilouslie to their rulers, the wrongs received by the Metelians, not onelye affirming

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affirming, that they had beat them, but stoutly also and vntreuly inserted, that they had robbed and taken their goods from them. The Methiniens conceiuing greate dispite heareof in suche sorte to haue their citizens vsed, and they also descended of their most noblest parentage and houses, denounced immediatlie war in open fielde against the Metelenians for the revengement of these wrongs, but sent them no word at all of this their speedie intendement. For the accomplishment of this exploit, they gaue charge and direction to their Captaine onely for the arming and furniture of 12. gallies, commaunding him with the strength there-of, to enter the fields and territories of the Metelenians, and without all partie to forage, wast, and spoile them of all they could get. And farther strenght then this they thought not meet at this present to send, winter drawing on as it did, and therefore the lesse meet to trust a greater floce on the sea, than those which were in such maner by them prepared already.

The captaine slacked no time, but furnished with al things necessarie, coasted that part of the countrie of the Metelene, which altogether bordered vpon the sea, and on that side of the land next unto them, foraged and wasted all the countrie ouer, carryeng away diuers and sundrye booties and praiers, as well of cattell, corne, wine, and a great multitude besides of prisoners, all for the most parte labozers, and such as at that instant holpe in wych the vintage. This doone, hee proceeded further, and foraged also al along the plaines, where Daphnis and Chloe maintained their pastures, and they being there in like maner, as the others vnprouided of any resistance, they tooke and did what they woulde on the borders. Daphnis was not as then with his beard, but trauelled a little way to gather greene boughs for his yoong and tender kids to browze vpon, & seeing a far off the great concourse & formost entrance of his enimies, crept into the hollownesse of a certaine crooked passage vnder a rocke, and there hid himselfe. Chloe was then a keeping the flockes, who no sooner perceiuing the bruite and outrage alreadie begun, tooke hit to flight, & thin-king to saue hit self by swiftnes, got into the caue of the Nymphs. But the foragers hauing quicke sight of hit, followed the tracce so neere, as they pursued hit cuen hard to the very caue. There

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seeing no other remedy, she fell flat vnto the souldiors, & prayeng them for the reuerence and regarde due vnto the *Nymphs*, that would tender no hurt, neither to hirselfe, nor to any of hir beasts. But this petition of hers preuailed not, for the Metherian souldours after many villanies and dispites, doone and vttered in dirision of the Images, led both hir and hir beasts away as a spoile, chasing and drudging both hir and them before them, in most cruel manner, and without any pitie or compassion. And seeing nowe that they had fully laden their gallozies, with all kind of spoiles and bootties of euery sort, they ceased to tyre themselues any further: but fearing the vncertaintie of the winter weather, besides the hazard of meetings with any enimies, they desired now none other, but in safetie to returne home to their owne houses, and finding the weather soytalbe to their purpose, they laid strength to their oys, and made way abroade, the season being so calme, as there was not so much as one pufse of winde wherewith to resist them.

When all the harrieng of this great spoile and byute was at the last appeased, Daphnis sorte d himselfe out of his hollowe chine, and came againe into the plaine, where he lost their heards when hee went a feeding, and finding there neither goates nor sheepe, nor any newes at all either of them or of Chloe, but onelie the emptie fieldes and plaines a lone without anye other creature or compayne, and the flute whereon the *Nymphe* sweetlye was woont to sound, cast downe and lyng on the ground, his heart swelterred within him by exceeding sorrowe, insomuch as hee was not scarce able to stand, but lykelie foorth-with to haue swooned, and shedding foorth abundance of teares, so great was his griefe, as hee could not chuse but crye out vpon Chloe, and that also right biterlie. First ranne hee to the foot of a hie and umbragious rocke, whereon customable they both were woont to sit and talke togethers, and not hearing any newes of Chloe there abouts, he then trudged as fast as hee could downe to the sea coasts, and there not finding her, he last of all returned to the cane of the *Nymphs*, whether him seemes at the first incursion of these souldiers shew made hastie to flie, and casting hym selfe downe prostrate there, at the feete of the Images, hee entred

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entred into these or the very like complaintes deliuered in verse
before them.

What griefe alas, what hell unto my woes?
What sorrow may exceede my foul mishap?
What more excesse than mischefe where it flowes?
Or deepe despaire that all my woes dooth wrap?
Unhappy downes, what ailed wicked spight
To reaue from you and me, our sweete delight.

My tender kiddes, if ere your louing skip
You beare in minde, and on this pleasant daie
How manie times your young delightfull trips
Hast Daphnis mo'nd to mourne his bitter bale.
Then for his sake that whilom was your guide
Yeeld forth your plaints, and grieves to you betide.

Ye mournefull flockes dispersed where ye goe
To uncouth pastures yeeld my dacie tunes
Lamenting teares, and sighs full of woe
Wherein my thoughts for Chloes loue consumes
Let be your foode, and your tender walkes
Conceiuе the sorrowe that my pleasure balkes

Returme to me your stately heards. Returme
My heart, my ioye, my comfort and my care.
My blisfull Chloe once againe returme.
Ye sacred Nymphs, or death for me prepare
Seale vp your springs, and praise in secret lie
If Chloes rape doe cause her Daphnis die.

Infinite were the complaints that the seemely shepheard made
in the Cave, missing the sweetened societie of his chiefeſt deare
ling. One while exclimed he, on the hilles, the dales, the ſprings,
the groues and broadē ſtreched ſhades, eache one of which he in
vited to lament the losſe of her, whose preſence he adjudged unto
them as to him ſelſe to haue beeue the greateſt comfort.

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Then conuerting him selfe againe to the Statues in the cause.

O vngratefull goddesses said he, that haue so suffered her, who honored your being, with so many sweet regardes, to be thus rauished betweene your hands. O negligent of her whome committed to your charge being an infant, you would thus suffer to become a pрайe to so vile and wicked persons. Why shewed you not your mightie powers in so manifest contempt done unto your Images, your Statues, and these sprynge? what booted mee in all the time hitherto that I haue guarded my heards upon these downes, in which never the woolfe could so much as bereave me of one of my kiddles, when now at one instant the enemies haue carried awaye the whole flockes. Alas Chloe bearest thou the like paine of thy scelie Daphnits, being nowe estrangred from me by forreine rouers: or remembrest thou at all these fields, these valleies, these Nymphes, or him that waileth for thee nowe, in this most vnfortunate state? Oh if the sound of my lamentations may any waies be caried to those landes and seas wherein thou art (alas to farre from me cooped I pittie yet his distresse, who desperate of all other comfort than that which hee sole expecethe in thy happie presence, sigheth and evermore longeth after thee. O Goddes and Nymphes, to whom these woods and walkes haue at any time bin charie, reuenge the wrong done unto those who haue honored you, and let not my unfortunate heardes and fairest bewty of my deere Chloe become an honor to that their cruell conquest.

Hauing run himselfe a great while into these & such like woffull remembraunes, (as it often happeneth unto minds surcharged with too extreme sorowes) a broken slumber surprised at last his restles fantasies. And lying before the statues of the Nymphes in such kind of Extrase, there appeared to him in a vision, thre women seming by their poxe to haue bin goddeses, their attire altogether Nymphlike, their countenances freyght with manifest pleasures, who yelding unto him sondrie and most amiable graces, appeared to put forward to his relieve many occasions of comfort. Afterwardes the most excellent as well in stature poxe and bewty of them all, calling upon the forlorne shepheard, her amiable gestures said unto hym: Cease Shepheard, thy plaintes and incessant lamentacions, and henceforth be recomforted, assuring thy selfe that

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that by Chloe is, and shall continue in fauorie. The Nymph is
out charge, to whom her yeares and education haue bin commit-
ted from her forniest cradle, and being left an infant in this case,
we haue pursued hereto for her, and so will continue to haue
speciall conceit & respect towards her. Thinke not Daphnis that
she is the daughter of Dryas, or boare in this village as thou hast
supposed, by that this estate and calling where in shee now is, befit-
teth her place and parentage. But know that in keeping her flocks
here, & doing vnto vs obseruances, we haue sufficiently laid down
and provided what shall become of her, and to what ende remai-
neth both your fortunes. She is not, nor shalbe lead away pri-
oner to Methionne, nor shall as thou doubtest becomie any part of
parcell of their spoyle. To assure thee the better whereof, knowe
that we haue made meane's vnto the god Pan, who resideth here-
about this large Pine, to become fauorable and aiding to our
purpose, for that his power is more pliable, and better exercised
then ours in feates of warre. He is even nowe parted from vs,
and gone forwardes at our requestes in the cause, intending to
become a daungerous enemy to the Methionians. Wherefore be
of good courage, and rayse thy selfe from this solitarie Cave, goe
home to thy fostering parentes Lainon and Mirtale, and shew thy
selfe unashamed for their better comfort, who supposing thee with
Chloe to be taken, and spoyled in this hurye but lie, haue searched
and sorrowfullie sought the round about these pastures. Why
Chloe, or euer the faire yfier next, shal haue quyte vailed of her
purple couer powdered with glimbing stars, together with both
your flocks, wholsome and entier, shalbe herk againe returned vnto
thee. Such is the pleasure of the Nymphs, that haue endeavored
to perfourme this with such speede, in demonstration of the loue
and care they haue of thee.

Daphnis, ascertained in his imagination of the truth of this vi-
sion, a wooke, and weeping, as much for ioy, as he did for sor-
row, made his devotions before the Nymphs, and there vowed
that according to their promise his Chloe, and flocks, vnbledis-
able were returned, he would then sacrifice to the one of his fa-
test kin. And summing stro thence incontinent, towardes the image
of the God Pan, who appearing vnderneath the stately Pine had
repose.

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the feete of a goate, and two hornes on his head, and helde in one
of his handes a flute, and in the other a young kidoe, leaping as it
were and skipping about him, he also made his prayers to him;
to become forward in the purpose, promising in like sorte vnto
him one of his hiesl and statelie st goates. The euening drawing
on, he tooke by the twiggs and small bowes whch bee had ga-
thered for his goates, and departed home to Lamon, who gladd to
see him, contrarie to expectation to be returned insauetie, rejoy-
ced with his wife Mirtale.

By this tyme now the captaine of the Methimenians, having
long traueilid on the seas in his way homewards, and laden with
great spoiles, and finding his people also to bee some thing ouer-
wiered, thought to take a harbo^r hard by, and there a while with
victuals and some rest to refresh them. And finding at the last a
place convenient did there cast ankers, and gaue them to all man-
ner of sport that might be to delight them, as those that besides
the rich boortie they had taken, had no want of wine or other deli-
cate viandes, that the Ilande whence they came, could any waies
afford vnto them. And carelesse as they were of all things, freed
and secure of foes or anie other hazard, it seemed at night in the
middest of their banqueting, that all the land about them was on
fire, and a sodaine noise arose in their hearing as of a great fleete,
and armed nauie for the seas, approaching towardes them. The
sound whereof and vje adfull sight, made some of the to tri^e Arme
Arme, and others to gather together their companies, & weapons.
One thought his fellowe were hitt was hurt, an other fearey the
shot that he heard racking in his eares, this man thought his com-
panion slaine hard by his side, an other seemed to stumble on dead
carcasses. In brieske the hurtie and tumult was so wonderfull and
straunge, as they almost were at their wittes endes.

This great afraide continued in such sorte as you haue heard all
the night long, and that in so terrible manner as that they vbe-
mentlie wished for the daie, hoping in the appearing thereof to be
relieved. But yet their rest grewe not by the mornings shewe as
was expected, but rather the light thereof discouered vnto them
farre more fearefull and straunge effectes, for the goates and
kiddes of Daphnis were all wretched and enuironed about their
houres

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hornes with vine-leaves and grapes, their weathers, sheepe, and lambes, howled as woolues, vpon diuers of their heads were garlands of pine-trees. The seas also them-selues were not void of these wonderfull shewes, for when they that ruled the oares went about to stirre them, they shiuered all in fitters. When they went about to hyspe vppon their ankers They cleaued fast to the seas. The dolphins tumbling about their vessels, bounsed them so hard, that they were ready to fall in-sunder, and themselues to be drowned in the seas. A dreadfull noise was heard from the rocks, not as the sound of any naturall trumpets, but far more shrill and hideous, which shewed an onset to be giuen vppon them by some waighey armies. Whereof the Methimnians being in exceeding dread, hurled altogether to their weapons, supposing, that the enemies from whome they had receفت spoile, had come vppon them on a sudden, without giuing them respect to gather their weapons.

By the conceit hereof may easily be gathered, howe Pan the mightie sheepeheard ioyning with the *Nymphes*, became aiding to their petitiones; and that exercising vpon these cruell rousers, the power of a god, hee deliuered unto their knowledge, how the mighty powres were not for somr cause vppon other pleased with those their spoiles and robberies. But the occasion by these Methimnians could not be diuined, for that they could not imagine themselues to haue receفت away any thing sacred either to Pan or any other of the *Nymphs*. And beeing as they were in this muse, about the middle of the day, the capitaine of their galleyes (not without expresse divine prouidence) was cast in a deepe and heauie slumber. And as he lay sleeping in his cabine, to the great amaze of all the company, considering those cumulis, Pan himselfe in a vision stode right before him, and beeing as hee was in the shapē under the pine before described, he vsed unto him selfe of the like speches following.

Verde! Pan! mischievous sacrefegers; howe haue you dared with so greate and uncontrolled boldnes, in armes and shewe of war, to enter thus cruelly vppon my haunts and pastures, deare vnto me alone, as wherevpon reposeth my speciall delights, why haue you rauished from me my flockes and heards, my cartell, and
cattle?

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beenes, and so thereby dishonoured my walkes and valleis, they
resting as parcell of my charge, and vnder my sole protection.
And not concented herewith haue most contemptuously, and in
greatest dispise that might be of the Nymphes and of me, who
haue seene it with our own eyes, caried away the faire shephearde
Chloe, cuen whē she remained in the caue, as committed to
their patronage and charge. I heere protest and denounce vnto
you, as I am the god Pan, and as the hury flockes and heards,
are vnto me of sacred pleasance, that no one of you shall ever see
Methimne againe, if you do but so much as make meane to passe
forwards with this pillaige. Nor shal you escape the wreake of
those hideous soundes that you haue heard, without leauing so
much as one of you aliue, but that the sea it selfe shal soake you
uppe, and your carcasses become a foode vnto the fishes: Render
therefore backe againe vnto the Nymphs their Chloe; and to me
the flockes and heards you haue taken, and set them immediatly
on land, that I may conduct them backe againe into their haunes
and pastures, so dooing, I may remit the residue of the wronng,
and suffer you to saftey to retorne againe into your countries.

The Captaine whose name was Briaxia, beeing awaked of
this vision, grete into greater feare and amaze of this beaute
charge and speeches. And calling together his souldiors and
companies, he caused present serch to be made for Chloe through-
out all the galleis, among their number of prisoners, and shee
being found with a chapelet of the Pine tree leaues vpon her
head, hee declared vnto them the expresse commaundement and
direction of the god: which done, they all by one consent set her
aland. Chloe was no sooner parised out of the vesseil where she
was, but they heard from the hie rockes a sound againe, but
nothing dreadfull as the other, but rather much sweete, melo-
dious, and pleasing, such as the most cunning sheepheards use her-
fore their flockes and heards, leading them vnto sheue pastures,
Acche noise whereof the goodes, kiddes, and sheepe togidher with
their tender lambes, issued ouer the plankes, without feare or
any regard at all of cul skipping and leaping about Chloe, as if
they seemed to have idintly with her rejoiced at their present de-
livrance. But the other heards and flockes which shewd persones
sane

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Saw onely these, to whom it seemed, appertained the sounde from the rocke, wherewith they alone were called. This shewed unto the beholders a great wonder which made them fearfully to regard the power and puissance of the mightie Pan. Another thing as strange also as this was shewed unto them, for that the sheepe and goats of Chloe led by the onely musike, without shew of any person at all that conducted them, followed on the pastures, and fedde together as they went, as if they had beene therewards guided.

It was now about the time that the heardsmen after the middest of the day passed, did accustom to drive their beastes and flockes to be pastured, when Daphnis a far off from the top of a hie mount watching the time of his delightsome Chloes appearance, perceiued her comming with their heards. Whereupon descending with all haste possible into the plaines, with intent to meeete her, he called and cried with loud voice. O sacred Nymphs, O honoured and gentle Pan, and without beeing able to speake the rest, he ran with maine force unto Chloe, and embracing her fast in his armes, grew so vehemently surprized with the thought, that he had no power to vnloose himselfe againe, so great and exceeding was the ioy whereinto he was whelmed, by the sudden & long looked for sight of her desired presence. But Chloe during this long embracement, so louingly chafed his spirites as that she quickly recovered his surcharged conceits againe. And then recounting togither this long seeming time of their shoxt disseruance, impatient each one at the rehearsall of the others euilles, they got them to the umbrazious rocke, wherein erst they were accustomed with great pleasure to be recreated.

There being set, it is not like but he with great desire serched of her the maner of her bereaving, her using and entertainement during all her absence, the summe and effect whereof she gently recompted unto him, not forgetting, therewhile the hazards and daungers that for her sake they were in, and finally, howe that by the gentle conduction of Pan, shee thitherto had beene garded and deliuered, wherat the youthfull sheepeheard wondering, and knowing howe mighty his prayers had wrought in the eares of the Nymphs, he likewise unfolded to her his fortune

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for his part reckoned unto her his grieses, his serch.lamentation, and all things that euer he had heard or seene in her absence.

Now when they had thus ech to other recounted their grieses and cares , and seemed both of them to be well contented and eas'd of their ill happes , they then deuised of these their toyfull meetings, to send wrod to Lamon and Dryas : and onely to make preparation thence-forth for their promised sacrifices . Daphnis hauing perfourmed what he wold or desired herein, the antient heardsmen were by this time come , wherefore they deuised imediately to go forward to their sacrifices . Daphnis for himselfe first wreathing the yong hornes of one of his fatest kiddes, wch broad vine leaues , in sozt as at the appearaunce of Pan to the captaine Braxia, they were decked in the galleis, he brought the same before the caue of the *Nymphs*, and there slaying the kidde , did flea off the skinne , and sprinckling wine and milke thereon , hung it vppe before the *Nymphs* for a memoriall , then banqueted they with the fleshe by themselues , and with manie pratisse and notable ditties framed, in their sweete remembraunces , praied all togither the *Nymphs* to become unto them for euermore favourable and gratiouys.

But the next day approaching unto them with a nouell pas-sime , brought also a new kinde of obseruance unto them, the manner whereaf they wholie dedicated to Pan, in whose honoꝝ til this time, neither Chloe nor Daphnis had euer emploied any seruice. To this action also were aiding and assissing both Lamon and Dryas. Daphnis thinking no rewarde sufficient to him that had done him so great a benefit, as not only to restoze unto him againe his heards whole and sounde, which utterly els had miscaried, but also to bring unto his bosomie againe his Deere Chloe, which of all other things earthly, he most obserued, tooke forth of his heards the goodliest and fairest of all his goates , amongst the which hee chose the greatest and most p̄incipall bucke, him decking with wreathed bowes of the goodliest Pine, and al bedewing his fore-head and hornes with newe wine, & the milke of one of his speckled goates, he began to make ready his sacrifice.

To this newe obseruance doone to the god of sheepeheardes, came also the good old man Philetas , and with him his yongest sonne

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sonne Syrenus, and filling his lap with bunches picked of the finest and most deintie grapes, fruits straunge and delicate for that season, Mirtle bowes, and pomegranats yet hanging vpon the banches, and enuironned with their greene leaues, hee approached the Image of Pan, and honoring the same with these sundrie presentes awayted the rest that should bee doone and perfourmed by Daphnis.

Before the pinetree where stode the image of Pan, compassed as it were in a tabernacle, there was an alter pastorall made of a great square stonye, fit and proportioned in auntient time to the shepheards God, whereon the oldest sheapheards and greatest heard kepers, were wont for the sauete of them and their heards yearly to perforne diuers offerings and banquets, the recordation wherof, brought good Philetas to this pastaunce.

Thither Daphnis hauing brought his gift, killed the same besides that stonye, and taking off the skinne with head, hornes, and feete, hanging still about it, fastned the same to diuers braunches of the Pine, and hong it ouer the image of Pan, then causynge the flesh thereof in diuerse sortes to bee dresseed, they spread their clothes on the stonye, and therewich first of all began to furnish their banquet. Then tooke Philetas in the honour of Pan and Bacchus, a great goblet of wine and milke together, and dronke thereof as much as hee woulde, and gaue it afterwardes to Daphnis.

During all this feast, appointed to the memoiall of this seemly shepheardesse, the ancient heardsmen and shepheares, when they had well drunke and vited themselues together, took great delight to record amongst them, each to other their trauels passed, then beganne they to reckon the sports and passimes of their yong yeares, their feeding of flockes, and keeping of cattell together, their prizes wonne by diuers kindes of activitie, they shewheards loues, their lates, their many and hard kinde of aduentures to compasse their likings: and finally, out of all these, how many dangers and threatened perilles, aswell by thecues, as otherwise, both by land and sea they had escaped. One of them vaunted himselfe in his youth to haue killed a mighty wolfe, another, that with ginnes and trappes he had beene the destruction

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of sundry rauening wild beasts , this man declared how well & chrfitly he had kept his caitel, only aged Philetas, forgetting these long passed memories, recorded howe many times before all the heardsmen, & al that honozed Pan vpon their downs, he had in the seruice of Louse, & sound of al their brauest musik gained the victo-
rye : In somuch as, but onely Pan himself with his sweet Syrinx, there was never any shepherd found, that in his daies was able to excel him. The praise of this Philetas skil, hartned the fresh & iol-
ly Daphnis with his faire Chloe, to pray of him , that at that in-
stant in honour of the gentle Pan , he would manifest vnto them
some part of his science , as the only gift wherein they had grea-
test desire to be instructed, and wherewith the god of shepheards
delighted most to be saluted . Philetas would not denie them so
iust a demaund , albeit he something excused himselfe , by reason
of his great age , which permitted him not so good breathing,
and of so long continuance, as whilom in his youth he had . Not-
withstanding, he tooke in hand the pipe of yong Daphnis , and
begannē to profer thereon, but he found the smalnes thereof to be
too litle to comprehend thereon any excellencie of cunning, as be-
ing the pipe of a yong beginner , and such as whereon a man so
wel practised, as himselfe was able to shew no great skill . For
which cause, he sent his son Tytirus to his lode, which was dis-
tant from thence but halfe a mile at the most , willing to fetche
him his owne pipe . Tytirus throwing off his iacket , tripped as
light as dooth the tender fawne , running away in his shirt , to
shewe vnto Philetas, and the rest, his agilitie, and great nimble-
nes, during whose absence, to thintent therby somewhat to recreat
the hearers, Lamon tooke vpon him to recount in their presence,
the historie of the faire and beautifull Syrinx, which hee saide he
heard in his youth deliuered by a Sicilian goat-heard.

The company gaue heed to his speaking, and Lamon thus be-
gan therevpon in their hearing. This Syrinx, said he, the musickē
wherof hath bene from Pan recounted awayes so excellent, was
not by the formost antiquity therof at the first an instrument, but
was a faire yong maide of fauor and feature most singular & per-
fect, well loued she to chaunt and sing foorth her laies, with grace
most wonderful, and harmonie right pleasant . Ofteen frequented

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she the downes, & had great felicitie in keeping hit flocke. The sheep she fed stood amazed on their pastures, and when they heard hit tunes, immediatly they left their appetite of eating. At hit voice they danced & skipped, the lambs themselves frequented hit sounds, & at the hearing therof, would trip upon the hillocks. The Nymphs regarded much hit musike, and had hit oftentimes to accompany their disports. Pan frequenting at this instant the fields & pastures, and having pleasure to chase the fewnes & kids round about the groues, heard vpon a time the faire Syrinx, sitting by a pleasant fountain vnder the shady thickets, melodiously to deliuere forth hit tunes, & heating the wonderful and variable notes she sang, drew neere and neare vnto the place, and seeing that as well with excellent cunning, as with most rare and pfecting beautie she was replenished, he boldly sterte to hit, because he was a god, & praied at hit handes the thing he most desired, & being exceeding amorous as he was, he began to tempt the Nymph with gifts, & many other faire promises, saying, that if she would incline to his loue, he would cause, that twise a yere hit sheepe and goats should yeane and bring forth their yong, & for the greater increase of hit flocks, should haue two at once, besides, the pastures shoulde vnto them be euermore fruitfull.

But Syrinx nothing regarding these amorous offers, vnto hit made by the god, scoffed rather at his shape thā otherwise, saying she aspecced not the loue of any one, much lesse of such as he, who though he were a god, yet was in proportion more like to one of y goats of hit croop, than to a man. The god angry at hit disdaine-
ful vsage, intended to take hit by force, but shee preventing his fraud by flight, indeuored to escape, & he stil pursued hit. And see-
ing hitselfe in thend to be gretly wearied, she suddenly got at last among the reeds, and therin creeping from place to place, woond hitselfe out of sight. But Pan enraged with greater vehementie than before, in that hee coulde not ouertake hit, cutte downe the reedes in hast, in minde to seeke & sue after her, and not finding any thing else besides the marshes, for that shee was verelie banished, hee then perceiued the great inconuenience wherunto he was driven, and sorrowing greatly for the Nymph, whome he knewe to haue beene conuerted into a reede, hee cropp'd the

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same reede also from the place , and thereof framed in seauen quils his artificiall and excellent pipe , the most sweete and delicate instrument of any other, the pleasantnes whereof recording yet the melodie of hit from whence it came , beareth at this present the prize and honoꝝ of musike among all the sheepeheardes . Lamon hadde no sooner finished his discourse , and that Philetas with all the rest hadde highly commended it , but Tytirus was quickly returned againe with his fathers pipe, which was composed of diuers reedes great and small togetheres, trimmed at the coppes with Laton , and to him that hadde not beene acquainted with the difference it might haue seemed the former instrument of Pan , which he had framed out of the faire Syrinx .

Philetas then raisynge him selfe on his feete from off his seate , beganne first in gentle sorte , to assay the quilles , and finding them to be in order , and without any impeachment of the sound or blast , he beganne to shew his cunning . The noise thereof , was questionlesse most pleasant , and therewithal strange to be heard , wherin his artificiall handling the stops , was such , as he could at pleasure make them go soft or hie , as him listed . Then began Philetas for the moze enlargement of his cunning , to shewe vnto them vpon his pipe all sortes of pleasures and pastimes that hee could , the moodes whereof he handled with such perfection & as all that he plaied , you woulde haue thought almost to haue beene a thing indeede effected , whether it were in actions belonging to the feeding and garding of all kinde of beastes , which in sundrie orderly tunes he diuersly had expressed , or in any sorte otherwise .

All the companie were whusht and verie attentiuе vnto his soundes , without one worde or other speaking at all , till Dryas at the last rising from his siege , ppaied Philetas that hee would sound foorth some excellent tune in the honour of Bacchus , wherunto himselfe likewise daunced , and there handled the manner of their vintages , one while seemed he to carry the pots , then to bring the grapes in a trough , after to lade the iuice into diuers vesselles , lastly , to tunne the wine when it was made , al which so promptly and readily he did , and with so naturall a grace , as vnto the beholders did minister occasion of great pleasure , insomuch

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much as them seemed verily before their eies, to see the vines, the grapes, the troughs, the tunnes, and Dryas himselfe, drinking in very deed of the newnesse thereof.

This olde fellow hauing so neate and finely done his deuoire, ranne immediately after to Daphnis and Chloe, and winding their turnes next wherewith to conclude the pastime, the faire yoong goat-heard counterfeating himselfe to be Pan, and she the faire Syrinx in their daunces, he first beganne to woe hir, and she refused, then would he inforce hir, and she then departed, he following hir, she fled, then ranne he to ouertake hir, and she seeming wearie, because the reedes wanted, hid hirselfe closely behinde the bushes. Then Daphnis taking in hand the great flute of Philetas, sounded thereon a dittie lamentable and piteous, and of one amorous, that knewe not to be satisfied: of one suing, and still was refused, then sounded hee the sorrowe and griefe of hys want growne by extremitie, and that in so ruffull manner as moued the hearers generally to compassion and pittie, after closing his pipe vnder his arme, as one desperate of hir hee pursued, hee chaunted sooth in their presence this ruffull complaint following:

Ye heauens (if heauens haue power to iudge of things amisse)
Ye earthlie guides that swaie and rule, the stem of all my blisse.
Ye starres if you can iudge, ye Planets if ye knowe
Of haynous wrongs, that rendred beene to men on earth belowe,
Then iudge, repute, & deeme, giue sentence and diuine
Of all the wo that rues my hart, and causlesse makes me pine,
If right to men of right belongs with equall doome,
Then heauens I pray admit my teares, and do my plaints resume,
Your sacred powre it is that yeeldes me bale or boote:
The sighs I spend are else but waste, and vaine is all my sute.
I loue, alas, I loue, and loued long I haue,
My loue to labour turned is, my hope unto the graue,
My fruit is time misspent, mispending breedes my guine,
My guine is ouer-rulde by losse, and losse breedes all my paine,
Here my gastly ghost could halt or go arrie,
I aske no fauour for my sute, but let me starue and die,

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But if by fixed fast by trouth I sought to clime
By seruice long that nere should be shut vp by any time.
If onely zeale I beare to that I most desire
And choice regard of purest thoughts hath set my heart on fire
Why shold not my reward conformed be with those
Whose lynes at happiest rate are led and craue aright suppose
If this be all I seeke, if sole for this I serue
Then beauens vouchsafe to graunt me this els let me die and sterue.

Daphnis hauing ended his song and musique togethers, the olde Philetas could not but commend therein both his youtch and verie forward iuencion, and abashing him selfe wonderfullye of his so great towardnes, in signe of loue and good affection he bare vnto him, he gaue him his flute as he that for his present skill had well shewed himselfe of all others neerest to approche his cunning. The guyse whereof Daphnis taking right thankefullly, offered immediatly his owne pype vnto the God Pan, and after he had set forth Chloe and kissed her, as one whom newlie he had found & receiuied from a very slight indeed, the company dissoluēd here-upon, and each one returned home severally. The night drawing on, comanded every man to the rest, ydaies crauel alsotaking end, they iointly reposèd their heards in their peculiar places. But these two louers not hauing herewich fully cōcluded, al their determinatiō, began in their going homewards, eche one to make a particular interell of the others affection. And to the ende the better assurance thereof might passe to both their contentments, they iointly agreed to geue eche to other an interchangeable oth. In so much as Daphnis first beginning, returned back to the Image of Pan from vnder the Pine, and taking his Chloe by the hand, said.

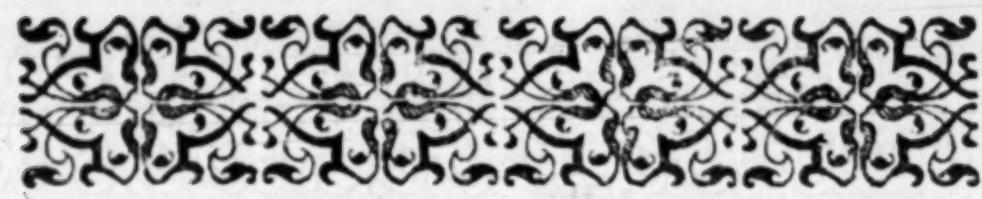
I sweare and here protest by the God Pan, through whose sacred aid, I purchased thy late deliuernace, and whom for this purpose I zealouslie do here call to witnesse, that Chloe of all others shall euer be vnto me mostdearest, and that without her I shal noe at any time think my life to be prolonged in happines. This done, Chloe leading him also to the caue of the Nymphs, swoze and protested there the like othe in their presence, affirming solemnelie that

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that she would euer live and die with her Daphnis. But Chloe as she that was young, plaine and simple, and vnused beforetime to the fidelite of mens promises, recounting with her selfe that Daphnis in his othe had called the god Pan to bee a witness, would needes haue in the same caue by othe also to make her a newe promise. This Pan (my Daphnis saide shee) is a wanton god, verie subtil and amorous, in whom there is at all no credit or assiance, he hath beene enamored on Pitys he hath loued Syrinx, he pursueth also dailie y Naiades, & likewise the *Nymphs* Dryades, in him is nothing but inconstancie and chaunge, so that if swearing by him, thou afterwardes doest falsifie thy promise to me given, he will do nothing but sport at thy deceit, because he is trustlesse himselfe, though thy loue tend to as many as he hath canes in his Syrinx. But sweare thou me here before these *Nymphs*, by the tender goat, by whose louing care & sack thou wast preserued, that Chloe never louing any but thee, thou wilt not forsake her. And when shee faileth at any time vnto thee of the othe and promise she hath sworn before the *Nymphes*, then chase her heere and there, or flee her at one stroke as if she were a wolfe.

Daphnis greatly contented in minde at this hote pursue of Chloe, would do nothing at all that might impugne their fantasie, wherefore standing before the caue of the *Nymphes*, in the midſt of his heards, hee tooke the horne of a buck in the one hand and of a ſhe goate in the other, and there ſwoze vnto Chloe the othe and assurance ſhe required, wherewith the *Nymphe* beeing right well ſatisfied, eſteemed of the ſheepe and goates to bee gods more proper and meete vnto ſhepheards, whereon to haue profited then any other persons, that therunto might better bee accepted. And ſealing vp the memorie hereof with manifold embracementes, the ſtarz now ginning to peare thorough out all the ſkies, commended the residue of their meanings, to an other daies conuerence, wherby their loue and paſtimes were at this instant concluded together,

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The third booke of the loues pasto- rall of Daphnis and Chloe.



He bryute of these late bwoiles hauing greatly enraged the mindes and courages of the Metelenians against those of Methimne , in that without all lawe and or- der of armes, they had thus entred vppon and pillaged their landes and countries, they esleemed it a thing to farre vn- meeke this estate and seigniorie to put vp the reproche of so great a damage, considering that the reputation of their soyle was ne- uer before enabled to the dishonorable tolleration of so heinous and expresse iniurie s . Wherefore beliberating with all possible spedee to be reuenged vpon them, the Prince and councell of that state, caused incontinent to be leuied in their Island , an armie of seuen thousand footemen, and thzee thousand horsemen, and ther- of made Captaine generall , a notable and right valiant gentle- man, whose name was Hippasia , commanding them to leue the sea (for the winter stornes approching) and to marche with easie iourneies by land, into the territorie s of the enemies.

Hippasia hauing received his charge, departed from Mete- lene , and with his companie made such spedee , as that in verie shoyt space he came to Methimnia, where behauing himself right honorablie, wherein he vsed neither crueltie nor tyrannie, anie in the countrie where he came, neither fourraged he their landes, or tooke at all anie praye, spoyle, or bootie from the pooze people or labourers. For that standing highly vpon the hono r of a Captaine and his owne reputation , he deemed those kinde of proserings to be the workes rather of some thiese or rouer , than of him that shoule be a Captaine, or among souldiers esleemed as a generall. Wherefore to auoyde this flaunder, and to the intent by some no- table valor to accomplishe the matter hee came for , he tooke the direct waye leading towardes their citie, intending there by force of armes

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of armes to make his conquest honourable, and not otherwise, In which p[re]tence he well hoped by his moxe then common industrie to use so great expedition as that vpon a sudden hee might enter their poyses before they had time to knowe, or leisure to prouide for anie resistance at all if it were possible.

But he in this resolution being now come within a six miles of the citie, contrarie to all expectation, respecting the great b[ea]uado they had tofore time geuen, encounctred with a Herault of armes sent vnto him from the Magistrates & people of the same. Who had in request with all submision to deliuere, that the Methimnians not seeking warre at his handes, or to haue to to with armes, desired only to haue peace. And that beeing enformed that the vppoz[er]e committed in Metelene, began at the first by the insolencie of a fewe young men of their citie, and only betweene the peasants of the Ilande and them, and that the worthiest sorte of the Metelenians never consented to the cause, nor had hethereto till this present enternedled in the matter, they were therefore hartelie sorry for the iniuries by them on their partes offered, and desired therefore, that as good and louing neighbours, they both might thenceforth trafique and liue anew togethers, and for any wrongs by the Methimnians to them tendred, or prisoners take, or spoyles made, they were readie to restore and make amendes, in anie sorte that reasonable might be required.

Whereupon were these articles with other conditions of peace therein also inserted, and to the Herault deliuered in writing, presented to the generall Hippasia, who being a man alwaies honorable conceipted, and well weighing of the cause in hand, togerther with the largenesse of their offers, albeit he had in commission by full power and aucchoritie to do vpon them what manner of spoyle he might or could, yet neuerthelesse abstained hee bitterly therefro, and yet continuing his forces hard by vpon them, gaue leaue and libertie vnto the Ambassadours of Methimnia, to passe through his armie, and to goe with their ambassage vnto their Prince, and both to the same Prince and councell, aduertised hee also in report the said articles and offers, desirous to know therin their spedie opinions and pleasure. The considerations of this treatise seemed vnto the Councell of Metelene to bee of so great

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consequence, and the condicions eke of the same to them so hono-
rable, as that vpon a litle debatment had with th' ambassage they
receiued their offers, & for the more confirmation of what on each
part intended (after present restitution made of such wrongs and
trespasses agreed vpon : and hostages giuen for a surplusage of
mony shortly to be paid vnto them) they assostated other commissi-
oners to Hispasia , and by effectuall letters returned, gaue order
vnto him and them of a new league and peace to be made.

Hispasia harkened to all thinges to him on that behalfe enj oy-
ned, & traueilng with those persons to whom his auctorite was
herein now annexed, brought the matter forth-with to very good
conclusion. Thus was the Methimnian warre being enterprised
and taken in hand by a Straunge beginning , assoone as the same
came in bryuite, by this meanes all at one instant both published
and ended. Toe finishing of this strife, brought the Winters en-
trie vpon their backes: the sharpe season whereof, by reason of the
great frostes and snowes immediatly ensuing therevpon in so
great abundance, became right piercing and hideous. Now was
the uncomforable time wherein nothing then stormes , and blu-
stering northen blastes were so rife, the snowe lay thick lined on
the ground, shutting the pooze labourers with the great depth
therof fast into their houses , the springs ratled downe the moun-
taines with their icie streames , the trees spoiled of their gallant
brauerie seemed as dead , the earth appeared no where but euuen
vpon the vertie brimme of the riuers and fountaines. It was now
no time to leade the beastes to pastures, nor to suffer them almost
to go out of doores. The freesing Boreas called for great fires,
which according to ancient hospitalite of shepheards, was made
on a large hatch in the middest of their halles , the blasing shewe
wherof immediatly after the mornings cocke, invited each one in
the cold frostie seasons , to drawe round about it: and there with
farre more easie labour then abroade , to dispatch their housholde
busines. The hindes and such as tilled and labored the groundes,
ooke herein great pleasure , in so much as the bitternesse of the
weather , became vnto them for the time being , a releasement of
their hard endured labour , so that sporting themselves in diuers
housholde passimes, they chaunted their countrie tunes , and di-
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uers songes accustomed in their vintages to y honor of Bacchus,

But young Daphnis, remembryng himselfe of his Chloe and all their pleasures passed, accused the gods (as enemies to nature, and her goodly brauerie) in this sort to macerate and punish the mother of all earthly creatures, Chloe whose fancie was also as his, thought some manifest wrong to be tendered unto Pan and the Nymphlike fountaines, in thus discoloring their daintie springs and walkes, & fleeing without mercie vpon their nurses bosome, the sweetest of all their derlings. It ioynly grieued them when they sawe their sacheil wherein they wont to carie their foode together, their bottel also wherin their wine was many times filled, how in a corner they lay despised and vnoccupied, the hilles also, the groues, and sweete smelling eglantine, and woodbindes growing on cuerie bushes, did wonderfully vexe them to see how all their glorie was spoiled. Often would they whister & murmur in them selues saying, O when shall the earth againe recover her wonted forces, when wil the soft and fresh coloured greene with moclite pinkes & sweetest primosen spring vpon these hard knocced turkes, & clustered clods againe. And when they beheld their flutes and pipes lying by the walles vnoccupied, the echo whereof was wount to resound ouer all the woods, then grieued it them to chinke what enterchangeable notes, each of thē accustomed theron to deliuere vnto y other, & how their sheep & goats, would with great pleasure skip & daunce at the hearing therof. These & such like remembraances, renewing in them a kinde of pleasure mixed with sorrow, for their ouerlong debarment of these desired recreations, made them ententes to pray, the Nymphs & gentle Pan together, to hasten their deliuerie from these cruel euils, & that at the least wise they would now in the end discouer vnto them & their beasts the glorie of the faire sonne shining beams. And in making these prayers vnto the gods they began to imagine of diuers & sundrie inuentions wherby to compasse the compaine eche of others, but to so hard was it for Chloe anie way to enter therinto, for y shee was alwaies watched vnder the wings of her supposed mother, & kepe hard to spinning of wol and other such countrie exercises.

There was before the house of Dryas two Myrtles, betwene whome did growe also an Iule, the baines whereof wound on both sides ouer the others boughes, on which the berries

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were as if they had beene bunches of grapes, by occasion wherof, the winter being hard, and the ground thicke with snowe, there flocked thither continually a great multitude of birdes, as well thrushes, red-breasts, larkes, ringdoves, and sundry other foules. Under the colour of these, Daphnis, by pretence of going a birding, having prepared his lime-twigs and other necessaries, to come before the house of Dryas, and vnder the Myrtles aforesaide, pitched his nets, and laid his lime-twigs.

The distaunce betweene both houses of Lamon and Dryas, was about halfe a mile, and were it not, that the furie of *Loue* is such, as neither feeleth heat nor cold, weather or winde, whereby to compasse the satisfaction desired, it happilye might haue bin (the season being such as it was) the fowler would haue had little liking at that instant, to haue passed betweene both houses to lay his twigs, considering y the same hauing no tract at all, so moist led the labouring sheepeheard, as with long standing afterward in the colde and wet, he might peraduenture haue had his paines but badly rewarded.

But these, and such like warie conjectures, being scaled from *Loue*, the sheepeheard neither felt nor regarded it, so well able was his youth to out-countenance the burthen therof. Not long had Daphnis staid there, before his nettes placcd, and the twigs therevpon in order prepared, but downe came the birds by heaps, and flattered immediatly, by the legges, he tooke and kept which he list, and the residue let flie. Then returned hee backe to his nooke agayne, and there watched his birdes, and faire Chloes also, to come thither togethers, but the envious soile hadde so rannied in their doores, by sharpenesse of the weacher, that there was not so much as a cocke or a pullet scene to look out either at doore or windowe. Thus staid the amorous lad all the forenoone long, and till also the middest of the day was reasonablye well spent: his birdes were vppe in his budget, and yet Chloe came not, nor any body else appeared to take notice of his beeing there, according as hee hoped, and faine woulde by some meanes or other haue procured, which seeing the dismayed youth, he began to accuse the vnhappy houre, and unsauoring planet that raignyd at his foorth-going, deeming that hee had not well pic-
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ked his time, that the gods were vnto his wish at that instant no more fauourable: yet resolued hee not so to depart and loose his long emploied trauell and watching, but desperate howe by any chaunce she might haue occasion to issue foorth, hee beganne to imagine with himselfe, what coulour or excuse most credible, hee might set vpon the cause, whereby to take occasion to visite her.

If (said he) I shold say I came for fire, they might aske me whether neyborz neerer hand were not to giue it, and so laugh at my follie. If I shold, being thus farre from home, and now in fowling, craue of their vittelles, they might by search of my budget perceiue that I had enough. If I shoulde aske of their wine, why, we are not without our selues, for it is but thochter day since our vintage was in. If I shoule counterfeit a feare of the woolfe, then where is the trace. If I shall tell them, I came to catch birds, why am I not then packing when I haue doone my busynesse? If plainly I shoulde then deliuer vnto them howe I came to see Chloe, that rote were too plaine, for who is hee so simple that woulde saye to a father and mother, I come to your daughter? Insomuch, as none of these occasions seemed vnto him to be voide of suspicion, as that in handling of anye of them hee could not needes be descrided. For which cause, seeing no way nowe left to satisfie his intendment, he concluded to make of necessarie a vertue, saying to himselfe: Wel, this too cruel season and peruerse enimie to our affections will not euer holde, one day wil the spring time be returned to his prime, and then shall I see againe at libertie my Chloe.

Whiles the lonyng lad was thus concluding vpon his impatient affections, and hauing buckled vp all his trinkets, in full minde to be gone: It seemed that *Lone* expesly pitieng his hard and ouer long sufferance, suggested a sudden occasion, which maruellously sorted to the effecting of this his awaited purpose. Dry-as and his family within doores being ready to haue settēn down to meate, it fortuned, their faces being turned from the table, and the meat set on the boorde, a massife that was in the house, seeing none to regarde him, suddenly caught in his mouth a great peece of meate from the table, and as it hapned, of the best and

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principall part of the same. Which Dryas seeing, as the dogge chaunced to go out of doores, he followed, harrieng, and rating him with a great cudgell in his hand, and passing along to beat the dog, sawe Daphnis without, yet standing vnder the Myrtes, with his trinkets on his backe. Whom when Dryas perceiued, forgetting at one instant both his dogge and meate together, he louingly turned himselfe to the yong sheepheard, and taking hym by the hand, led him into his house.

Daphnis seeing the good fortune heereof, coulde not frame himselfe to make any shew of refusall, to that which he had before so seruently longed after, but entred willingly with Dryas. Where the first obiect that presented it selfe before his eies, was the sweete Chloe, who meeting also hit beloued on a sudden, with great paine, they bothe with-held themselues that they were not surprised and quite ouerwhelmed with ioy, but modestie, and seemely bashfulnes, casting on hit a secret couert, and meere constraint in him, that in any sorte hee might not be reuealed, they ioyfully eache for the present saluted the other, as besitteth, and so parting on sunder Daphnis was by Dryas led forward to Nape to be welcommied.

To tell you of the old Dryas, how much he made of the youth, were wonderfull, for that being once entred, he could not be suffered that night to returne backe againe. O thrice blessed hap, how favourable wast thou at this instant to the mutuall desires of these louers, and ihcu *Louc*, well might it be saide, that thy care in them was not so much as in one iore perished. Daphnis looked not to be demanded of his carriage, nor what lucke he had then in his barding, but vnbuckling freely his budget, he referred vnto his friendly host, bothe the choice and plenty thereof, at his pleasure to be accepted.

The dayes naturally approched at this instant to their greatest shorthenesse, and nowe the purple couert of Iupiters segnior, beganne to take hold in the element, and chasing the fast fleeting *Aurora*, into her westerne cabbin, all bedewed as shee was with hit duskie snowish couering, made Dryas both in fire, cheere, provision, and all other entertainments to seeke to welcome with-in doores his guest. Chloe was not behinde hand to doo him al the

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the fauours shee might, yet was shee wooed of a great many, and many wealthy proffers were daily made vnto Dryas to obtaine his good will to marry her, but the faire shephearde, wholy deuoted as shee was to an other purpose, freely now reioiced at the sight of him shee liked, but not so frankly, as when besides the downes they pastured their fruitful heates for the tyme, and seasons thereof affoorded vnto them a farre greater blessednes. Yet Love continuing his good graces in their auowed furtheraunce, made Dryas and Nape about some secret occasions to withdraw a little their presence, whereby the amazed youth surpized at the sudden motion, and loth to leele the opportunitie, raught Chloe quickly vnto him, and stole from hit a kisse ere shee was aware. Howe hony sweete vnto him was the pressure of those hit canarie lippes, and howe much eased hee his minde therein, the content whereof was such as hardly he would haue exchanged for a mighty Seigniorie.

But when the Nymph also beganne in louing sorte to chalenge him, and seemed to counterfeit an amorous mislike of that hee meant so neare to approche the place where shee was, and yet would not come in, if he had not bene of Dryas required, howe neere then beganne his very thoughtes to melt and consume him inwardly, when excusing the manner thereof wylth some bashfulnesse, shee was faine to pronounce a free pardon vnto him, or euer hee was able to demaunde it, else hadde hee bin in the retourne of Dryas discouered by his very countenance.

But Dryas hauing no other minde than howe to make cheere to Daphnis, whome by a moxe peculiar affection than to any other, hee feruently embraced, calid for what might bee hadde to supper, and afterwards spent sooth the tyme, vntill the length of the night called them to bedward, where, with what kinde, and howe many sorts of imaginacions poore Daphnis reposed, I leau to the full pleasing content of euer leuer to be discerned.

The next day calling them sooth to the celebration of a certayne yearly feast, euernioye with great and most religious deuotion honoured among all the shepheards from the highest vnto the lowest of that Island, and all the territories thereto adjoyning, made Daphnis (who till his comming to the house of

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Dryas, and the preparation thereto seene was ignorant thereof) to bestir himselfe early in the morning, with intent to prepare him also with the rest to these sacred obseruances, the custome and occasion whereof grew thus. There was at that present a Princesse, by lyneall dissent sprong from out the auncient and most renowned race of their worthiest Kinges, who swaying the Scepter of that Island had with great happines to her people, fame to herself, honour to her countie, admiration to the world, and loue to her subiects, in a farte estranged manner of policie, peace, and most wonderful successe ruled and raigned by the space of many yeares ouer them. Their Queene was then, and so alwaies continued a virgin, wise was shee as the sagest, reguarded as the mightiest, honcured as the rarest, followed as the fairest, and reputed of as the worthiest: Her yeares as it seemed, were vnto her subiectes most precious, for shee might assure herselfe of all the Princes that liued in her time, to be most entierly beloued. Her soueraigntie and rule in the greatest reputation thereof, it principallye bare swaie, and chiese honour of that Island, yet was shee of auncient, incited to farre greater gouernements, and as then also besides possessed of larger iurisdiccons and kingdomes. The recordation of her happines, her rule, her power, her honour, and vertues, for the manifolde benefites thereout dailie reaped by her exceeding worthines, vnto the vniuersalike of all her louing subiects, made this daye for euermore sacred among them, in which shee liuing they in testimonie of their inseperable and gracefull pietie, loue, dutie, and affection towardes her, with sundrie accustomed triumphes, praiers, bowes, feastes, and banquetings, do ioyntly altogether rejoyce, and ten thousand times beseech the soueraigne director of all humaine actions, that long and euer shee may liue blessed, famous, happy, and in all her vertuous actions most hie, peireles, and invincible among them.

Of this daies reverend and most seemely obseruance, were sawoxs the greatest and mightiest of all the Shepheardes, for that them-selues challenging in the fertilitie of their fieldes and flocks, whereby their heardes mightlie still increased, and they in riches abounded, to be in this action vnto her rare and most singular clemencie of all others most deuoted, as they that by her vertues

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tues and long continuance had euer received the greatest benefit, did alwaies therefore ioyntly and willingly, formost of all others procede in this enterprize. The youthfull and gallantest troppe of them richly trimmed on horse-baike and on foot, exercised in her hower diuers and sundry feates of activitie, the rest, and those that were more auncient, attentiuely reioycing and beholding them. Afterwards they alcogether came to a publike place, to that sole end and purpose, specially of long time reserved, where reueling and spoizing themselues uniuersally in all kinde of shepheards, pastimes & dances, they sing before Pan and the *Nymphs*: who reverencing also with like regarde the *Paragon*, whome they honor, assent to their tunes and musique, and peelde therevnto for the greater beautifying of the same, al sweetnes and pleasure that may be.

To this feast came the good Melibceus and Faustus, the yong and gallant Thrysis, Philetas, and Tytirus, with sundrie the most auncient and skilfull shepheards, descending out of the places most statelie of all that Iland, they brought thither in signe of their loues, many fayre and gallant presents, which they offered for her safetie, whome they honored to the facher of the gods, to Pan and to all the *Nymphs*. Eliza was the most excellent and braue Princesse, in whose fauor, memorie, regarde, and kingly worthynesse, they ioyntly thus assembled, to celebrate with perpetuall vowes, her famous and long continued happiness. And to the intent, this festiuall, as it was the day peculiar and most principall among the shepheards, and wherein each one then indeuoured to be commended, in the greatest and highest actions, so gaue they it a name singular and proper to their owne incendments, calling it uniuersallie the *Holiday of the Shepheards*, which in soe following beganne to be effectuated.

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The shepheards Hollidaie.



Heir sacrifices, bowes and triumphes, with
all reverence required being perfourmed, the
most artificial & cumming of the shepherds toy-
ued togither in company, & their deliuery by
their instruments sundry sorte of musike, ha-
ving among them all most excellent comfore,
& knowing the great worshynge of Melebce-
us, & large accepte among them that uniuersally hee had attained,
they prayed him first, in example to all the residue, to straine his an-
cient tunes to the religious aduaancement of those their forward
seruices.

The grane old man renied not at all their sues, but gladly ca-
king in hand his harpe, plaied thereon a right soleme sound, such
as whisom Yopas handled in the banquets of Dido, at what time
in her princely pallace she feasted the noble Trojan duke Aeneas,
so or more exceeding farre were the strokes of this honored shep-
heard, which done, he reverently uncouering himselfe, and stan-
ding vp before all the company, deliuered unto them in song this
invention following;

IN statelie Romance of the worthie liues,
Of mightie princes free from fortunes gricues,
An such as whilom in their kingly raygne,
Of vertues selfe were deemed soueraigne,
From out the stocke of euery princely line,
A choyce was made of noble worthies nine.
Of these and such as these a manie moe,
Haue diuers Poets written long agoe.

In skilfull verse and to the world made knewne,
The sondrie vertues in their liues that shone.
For kingdomes well we know and statelic ruls,
Possessions large aud chaire of honours stoole,
Gold pearle and stones with iewels rich of ptice,
Large pallaces built by deintie rare deuice.

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Yea all the pompe that worlde can here afford,
Or masle of treasure laide in manie a hoorde
Ne are each one but for the roome they beare,
A mortall shewe that earthly honors reare
But when we come to talke of worthines
Of kinglie actes and Princely noblenes,
Of right renoune each where that spredeth farre
Of honored titles both in peace and warre,
Of their decease that euer liue by fame.
Tis vertue then that yeeldes a glorious name,
The welth of *Cræsus* quickelie was forgot
Darius eke his rule by death did blot
And *Philips* sonne the *Macedonian* king,
His latest powre in shrowde of graue did bring
King *Davids* sonne the tipe of sapience
That whilome liud in greatest excellencie
His gloryous state in life wherein he was,
Is sheuered all like to a broken glas
His rich attire his pompe and dailie charge
His rarest buildings, chambers wide and large
His temple huge with pillers stately built
Sweet smelling roofe with rafters ouer guilt
The plated walles of brightest golde vpon,
And costlie siluer fret with manie a stone.
His pallace and the numbred square degrees,
That from his throne a deepe discent contriues,
With equal numbers matcht of lions strong,
Of massie golde vpholding pillers long
Of marble white, with veines by nature wrought
In precious wise, as rich as may be thought:
His costly throne bright shining to the eie,
That in it selfe reteind a dignitie,
His many pleasures thousands moe than one,
In walkes, in fruits, in fountaines wrought of stone,
In musike strange, in sugred harmonie,
By sound stroke and voices melodie,
In quicke solucion made of strange demands,

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In sundrie artes wrought soorth by diuers handes
In womens pleasures and their sugred smiles
In all the giftes of fortune and her wiles
In what by nature could for sweete delight
Befit the mind or please the outward sight
What each conceipt imagine could or scan
That might contenting be to any man
All this and more by all that may be thought
On earth to please or liking breedē in ought
Were it in skill,in word,or power to frame
The same in him did breedē a glorious name
Yet petisht is his rich and fine aray
So that as erst I may conclude to saye
These gifts of fortune, sounds of earthly glorie,
Are of themselues but meerely transitorie,
The greatest Prince, but while he liues in powre
Renowmed is, and after in one howre
If vertue be not then to him more kinde,
His death him reaues full quickly out of minde.
Then not for nought the woorthies heeretofore,
That praised were in elder times of yore,
And named chiefe of many Princes erst
On honors palme to reare a stately crest,
Did studie stil for vertue by their names,
To be renowmed with sundry kinde of fames,
As some for zeale and some for pietie,
Some for their warres and noted cheualtie,
Some of their triumphs had by lands subdued,
Some of their acts by labours eft renued,
And each for bountie bright in them that shone,
For which therebe that haue bene famde alone,
And so of right ought every noble minde,
To vaunt himselfe by verie natures kinde,
Who for they were put forth of finest mould,
As by instinct of neate and purest golde
That cleansed is from worst of natures drosse,
Or tallest timber growing free from mose,

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So is in truth eche stately noble wight,
Of very kinde, and so should proue aright,
So *Alcibiades* to his endles praise
The stately lauds of mighty *Greece* did raise:
So did with Galles the worthie *Charlemaine*,
So sundry kings in *Britaine* that did raigne,
So *Albion* had hir mightie *Edwardes*, peeres
(And *Henries* eke) to greatest conquerers,
So hath our ifle (and euer praies to gaine
The ioy it hath) a peerelesse soueraigne,
So *Brutus* land invyted euer liues,
By selfe instinct it proper vertue giues,
Yet guided stil (what vertue else could vaile)
By grace diuine which neuer shall it faile,
Such is the cause that prixt with former praise,
Of worthie wightes that liud in auntient daies
The seedes long since of all their vertues sownen,
From time to time are stil sprong vp and growen.
And springes and buds with ripest fruites are seene,
Of elder stalkes that erst before haue bene,
So vertue swaies (what end of vertues raigne
So long vpheld by Peres and Soueraigne)
O pierles vertue knit with endles fame,
Do guide my skil and shrowde my Muse from blame,
Thy praise it is, thy mightie praises I
In royall race do seeke to magnifie
Immortall fawtors sacred sisters nine,
Offsugred artes shew forth your powers deuine,
Let not your Poet blemish with his vaine,
The honored steps of her that sues your traine
Yet blemish must he or vnshadowed fittes
Set forth of her, who daunts the finest wittes,
Can earthly eies geue in sight to the sonne,
Or reach the course that *Pbæbe* faire doth ronne,
Can men the waters in a measure holde,
Or thinke on all that may on earth be tolde,
Is it in powre the skies to comprehendē

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Or witte of man the starres to bring to ende.
With reuernce yet though vertue seeme deuine,
Men may proceede to touch her sacred shrine.
All haue not treft he fkill to speake aright,
Nor may they aime thereat if so they might,
Immortal Phœbus radiant in his beames
Yeelds dazled sight, for gaz ing on his gleames,
More stately graces mighty powres do shend,
Than meanelt wits are apt to comprehend,
Yet feedes *Apollo* fresh *Auroras* raies,
And fluttring fowles that chirp with pleasant laies,
So *Philomene* in shade of gloomy night,
When *Dian* faire shewes foorth hir siluer whight,
Recordes the comfort of hir sorrows past,
By change of times releueed from winters blast,
And as the graces of these beauties sheene,
Enuirond haue thee peerelesse noble *Queene*
So peereles, for thou art a stately iem,
O care of skies whome God and men esteeme
By all thy bountie shed in princely line,
By all thy vertues which are saide diuine,
By all the fauours that thou hast from skies,
And euery blisse that on thy safegard lies,
Alient I pray, and lowlie I beseech
Vnto my muse thy gratiouys hands to streteh,
Of *Shepheards* ioy, so boldely dare I sing,
And happy sway thy gladsome yeares do bring,
Of faire *Eliza* then shal I be prest,
To chaunt the praise that in hir vertues rest,
No other sound shal be to me so deere,
As in my song to praise this goddesse peere,
Hir noble worthies and hir stately knights,
Whose honored acts in sundry valiant fights,
Whose councell graue, whose sage aduise at home,
Resembling much the flowring state of *Rome*
Coinmend the titles of their endlesse praise:
But first (O *Queene*) of thee shall be my laies,

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T_Hou stately *Nymph*, that in the shadie groues
The fayrest art, of all whome *Dian* loues:
With quiuere deokt in glittering rayes of golde
Thy maydens bowe full seemely dost thou holde,
Thy garments are of siluer shining white,
Thy feature rare, and filde with sweete delight.
Thy golden tresse like *Phæbus* burnisht chaire
Whom sweete *Zephyrus* puffes with pleasant ayre:
Like *Venus* selfe(or if but one then she,
Of all the *Nymphes* may more surpasing be)
Then like to hit, or hit excelling farre,
Thy seemely hue all other features barre.
Thy gestures are on honors placed hie,
Thy lookes doe beare a princely Maiestie.
Thy honored minde with dignitie is clad,
Thy bountie rare the like but seldomie seene.
And port-like shewe beseeming such a *Queene*,
Thy nurse was Skill, *Minerva* gaue thee snicke,
And *Juno* prest to yeelde thee happie lucke:
Thy cradle was on *Tempe* placed hie,
Within the walkes of pleasant *Theffalie*,
Full oft within those virgine yeares of thine,
Both *da* woods and bankes of Muses nine,
Both *Pegase* spring and forked mountayne top,
Hast thou possest, and euerie roote and crop.
That Science yeeldes with all the sweete delights,
Where Poets wont refresh their dulled sprights:
Thy skilfull eye by choyce hath marked eft,
And from thy thoughts they neuer were bereft:
At morning walkes when forth thou list to go,
A crue of *Nymphs* attend thee too and fro,
Like fragrant smell of sweete *Auroras* dew,
When as the twinnes In *Titan* gin to shew,
The freshest prime of all the pleasant yeare,
When lustie greene the brauest hue doth beare,
Or like the blossomes hie on branches sweete,
That stilled liquor of the morne hath weete.

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Or as the beames of *Thetis* louer true,
When from hir bed he is but risen nue,
In easterne skies to cast his cheerefult raies,
Fore dulled mindes in spring from dumps to raies.
So comst thou forth in royall vesture dight,
Fresh as the Rose, of colour red and whight:
The glorie great of *Brytus* great renoune,
Distilling fauors each where drophing downe
The rurall gods, about my chariot flocke,
That milke-white steeds of *Pegase* heauenly stocke,
With breathing nostrils sparling fire amaine,
Do trampling drawe, and somie bits constraine.
Thy virgin sway the gasty impes admire,
And seeke by flight to shunne their deepe desire,
Which wish to see, and cannot gaze their fill
Vpon hir shape whom yet they honor still,
Of youthfull peeres eke issue foorth a route
That fiercely mounted hie thy chayre about,
Like to the traine that once *Bellona* led,
When on her altars prowde they incense shed
Triumphant on the honor and the spoile,
That fell to *Rome* by mightie *Affrickes* foile,
They stately stride, and beating earth and skies,
With nighing sound of horses lowd that flies
Now here now there, this one, and that amayne,
Doth ioy himselfe to shew in formost rayne,
With curled lockes like to the blooming spring.
And colours deckt that secret sauours bring,
In costly robes of *Pallas* curious wrought,
Bedeft with gold and pearles from *Pastole* brought,
Then Phœbe like thou gladsome mornings starre,
To them appearst, or like the gleames afarre
That issue foorth before the glittering chayre,
When Phœbus first him busseth in the ayre,
And salued is with fauours bright and sheene.
Of hir that called in the *Mornings Queen*,
Who vailing of her hue that is so white,

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The darkened shadowe of the glomie night,
Distressed hartes that long the day to see,
Forthwith doth lade with euerie kinde of glee
Such (gracious *Nimphe*) so pleasing is thy face,
Like comfort yeeldes thy hie distilling grace,
A heauens repose to seelie shepheards is,
To vewe the shadoe of thy heauenly blis,
And when thy pleasures be to rest thee downe
Or neere the fountaine spring at after noone,
Amidst the shades of hiest topes to straie,
To fore the euening in a sommers daie,
Where coolest blastes of sweete *Zephyrus* straines,
His gentle breath throughout his pleasant vaines
Each chirping birde his notes wel tuned hie,
Yeeldes forth to thee their sweetest harmonic,
The fairest then of al the gallant crue
Of water *Nymphs*, that fields and fountaines sue,
And such as haunt with siluer bowe the chace,
Thy virgin steppes ful meekely do embrase,
The *Satyres* and of shepheardes mightie *Pan*,
Commandes the fields to thy obedience than.
Since *Ceres* first these thickie groues pursued,
And countrie soile with sacred walkes endued.
Since that *Apollos* curled lockes of gold,
For *Daphnis* loue in tresses gan to fold,
Since that *Aeteon* by the water side,
Transformed was in forest large and wide.
There neuer *Nimphe* so chairie was to viewe,
That did the walkes of *Phœbe* chaste pursue
Nor of such honor blasing in each eie,
Nor crowned so with stately dignitie,
Nor to her Peeres and vasfalls al so deere,
Nor of such port and euer louing cheere,
Ne middest so manie that right famous beene,
In grounded Science was so throughly seene:
Nor better could with Muses al accorde,
Nor vnto whom the gods could more afforde,

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Nor yet of *Virtue* held so hie a prize,
Nor in all knowledge deemed was so wize,
Nor kept by peace, more quiet all her daies,
Ne happy stood so many diuers waies,
As faire *Eliza* thou of heauens the care,
The elder times ne may with thee compare,
For if I shoulde thy soueraignetie descriue,
These 29. yeares for to contriue,
Thy royall state and glory passing great,
Thy wondrous acts if here I shoulde repeat,
Th' unspotted honor of thy princely race,
And how thou rulest now with kingly mace,
The riches that by this thy rule abound,
The happie daies that we for thee haue found,
Thy bountie shining as the christall skie,
Thy yeares replenisht with all clemencie,
The load star of thy gracious sweete concept,
Yea when it was surprizd by deepe deceipt,
It were a world to thinke vpon the same,
So honored is each where thy Princely fame,
Not English shore alone but farther coasts,
Both of thy name and of thy honour boasts,
In vncouth seas, in soile till then vnknowne,
Thy worthy Captaines haue thy praises blowne,
And pifters set and markes of signorie,
Aduauncing there thy mightie Monarchie,
And lands subdued tofore by forraigne states,
That heare report of these thy blisful fates,
And of thy peereles name so mighty borne,
And how thy *Virtues* do thy seat adorne,
The glorie of thy stately swaie and power,
That springeth vp as doth the lillie flower,
They sue and seeke and humblie make request,
To yeeld them-selues vnto thy hie behest,
So sacred *Queene* so fittes the noble name,
Of this our Island stil to rule with fame,
So fits that she who others doth excell,

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Be deemd from all to beare away the bell,
Eft haue the shepheards song thy sweetest praise,
And them ychaunted on their holidaies,
Eft in their feasts they doe record thy deeds,
And regall mind whence all thine acts proceedes,
And with halfe sounding voice of shiuering dread,
As men amazed at thy seemely head,
They with whispering sound as eft thou passest by,
They praie to *Ioue* to keepe thy Maiestie,
Lo thus can shepheards of thine honour sing,
That of their ioies, art verie root and spring,
Thus *Melibœus* of thy honored name,
That from the line of mightiest Princes came,
Of all thy virtues and thy statelines,
Which art the crop of verie gentlenes,
Reioyceth aye his tunes thereon to frame,
And meekely praies thou shend his Muse from blame,

Melibœus hadde no sooner ended his song , but the whole
companie clapping their handes , higlye commended these hys
Metaphorizall allusions , and there was not one shephearde of
them all that did not admire his rare and delicate iuention ther-
in. And soz so much as in honour of this so statelie a personage,
the sommost memorie of all their meeting was at the first purpo-
sed to bee continued. The shepheards intending the celebration
of this whole daie to bee perpetuallie consecrated to the eternall
praises of her deuine excellencie, and knowing also that Melibœ-
us (greatlie devoted to the seruices of this *Nympe*) had not o-
mitted at many other times before that to pen diuers ditties ad-
uauncing the most singular partes , that in this Paragon were
ordinarilie appearing , they altogether requested him , and hee
in performauice of that their earnest suite , caused his two
daughters yet virgins, the one of them named Licoria , and the
other Phœnicia to stand forth, eech of which hauing a voice sugested
with the most sweetest delicacie that might be, & ther-withall in

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countenance and gesture naturally adapted, to what might bee required to the most pleasing eare, & best contented eie in augmentation of their melodious harmonie, the eldest first, being Licoria yelding her soft and pleasant strokes, fitte to rauishe the minde of anie curious beholder, vnto a deintie harpe fastened with a silken scarfe cast ouer her alabaster necke (wher-vnto by her father she had with rare perfection bene instructed) and casting her modest eyes espyes soone to and fro vpon the attentiuе regarders, manifoldly admiring (as it were) in her song, the wonderfull graces that therein she conceiued, deliuered her tunes answerable to the proportion of all the residue of her behaviour, as in fourme following the same is repeated.

Phab:u vouchsafe thy sacred Muse to lend
Pieria dames, your solemne tunes applie,
Aid sisters nine with me your deitie,
That to your seates these sacred notes may bende,
That you with me, and I with you may praise,
Eliz:as name and blisfull happie daies.

A Nymph more charie farre to gods than men,
Of gods belou'd . O happy we that knowe,
O blisful soile where blossoms such do growe,
Vnkindest earth that should not loue hir then,
Vneworthie much of hir that lou'd thee stil,
Whose loue the gods accept with better wil,

People vnkinde, but those that vertues prize,
You kinde by loue do knowe what ioy it is
To dwel on soile where peace yeeldes settled blis,
Vnkind the rest too much that doe deuize
To rue the soile, the seat, the state and al,
Of hir, for hirs that liues, and euer shal.

O Nature, wert thou now as firme on earth,
By equal mixture with the heauenly powers,
That in the soile where grewe such princely flowers,

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The brauest blossome sprung by stately birth:
Now liuing stil might euer live on mould,
And neuer fade (O gods) that you so would.

Virtue be dombe, and neuer speake of grace,
And gracious *Nymphs*, that Virtues handmaides be,
Shrowde al at once your sweet eternitee:
Be Virtue now no more, nor in your space
Let grace be set without in large account,
O sacred *Quene*, thou others doost surmount.

Peace be thy nurse to feede thy happy yeares,
And endles *Fame* whereon thy throne is set,
To sound thy praise my *Muse* shal neuer let :
Liue long, and raigne in ioy among thy peeres,
Deare to the gods, to vertue, to thy foile,
Kept by thy grace from pray of forren spoile.

Shee hausing done, the other of the maidens, faire and young
Phœnicia nothing backwarde of the number of all her sisters de-
seruings, with gracious countenaunce replenished in all kinde of
seemelie fauours (much like vnto Cydippe when in the temple of
chast Diana kneeling at *Delos* by reading the subtil poesie of A-
contius in a golden apple trilled before her, shee unwittingly had
vowed her selfe to his choice, and that in the presence of the god-
desse, which in no wise might be infringed) her sister yet holding
the harpe as before, and couerting the present sound thereof to the
Muse in hand. She thus framed her selfe, admirable in grace, and
surpassing in deliuerie, shee first beginning, and her sister answe-
ring, and both iointly repeated, as sozed out in the viche often-
times to be concrived.

Phœnicia. Lul pleasant fancie, bring my thoughts to rest

Licoria. O delicate *Fancie*,

Thæn. The Muses on *Ida* sweete *Phœbus* be prest,
That whilest I admire hit whō heau'ns do loue best,

Lic. This most sugred *Fancie*,

Phæn.

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Phe. Wherewith my delightes are fully possest,
With musicall harmonie, with songs of delight,
Both All haile noble Princesse may sound in her sight.

Phe. Faire Phabe thou knowest my muze doth not lie
Lico. In chaunting this fancie,

Phe. If pearlesse I vaunt her whom precious in skie
Thou praizedst for perfect to blaze in our eie,

Lico. Extolling my fancie,

Phe. O deintie surpassing sweete Goddesse say I,
Enhaunsing thine honors whence all our ioyes spring,

Both Thrise blisfull Eliza thy handmaids doe sing.

No soner had ended the musique, & Melibœus with his daughters a while repos'd, but Titerus, whose turne was next, prepared himselfe. And calling first the immortal gods to witnesse how much both him selfe and all others, were bound to their sacred deities for the happie encyng and preseruation of this their pierles princesse, willing to honour the feaste, and to shewe howe weightelie bee conceiued of all their purposes then presently intended, he strained his auncient yeares to refresh renewed memorie of his pouch long since passed, wherein he was knowne in all kinde of shepheards pastimes to haue excelled. In the recordation whereof perceiving that he was already mellowed in yeares, and grieuing that by reason of his drawing age, he was now debarred the ordinary vse of that in which being a bacheler he had so greatly delighted, (and yet not so farre overslipped, but that both skill & voice reasonably serued, to doe any thing, that of the most cunning shepheards might not seeme utterly to be misliked) he ordered his tunes to these proportions, acquainting thereby the companie with that, wherunto those unpractized seasons of his, had not of long time before bene accustomed.

Since first thy foile O countrie Pan I knewe,
Since on the dales my sheepe long time I fed,

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Since in my heart the sweete remembrance grewe,
Of all these valleis where the *Nymphes* do tread,
Since first thy groues and pleasant shadie topps,
Thy christall springs and scituate hie prospects,
The sacred dewes which from the braunches drops.
That fresh *Pomone* on thy groundes erects:
Since all these pleasures thousands mo then one
My auntient yeares partaked haue ere this
The mightie *Ione* doth know wherein alone,
I haue repozd the somme of all my blis,
To *Tytirus* not all the yeaned lammes,
Nor of his flock a rich encrease to gaine,
Ne sporting hops of young kiddes by their dams,
Are halfe so pleasing or to him so faine
As are (*Eliz a* blisfull maiden Queene)
The sweete recorde of all thy happie daies,
Those thoughts to me, full oft haue gladsome beene,
And on these ioies consist my shepheards laies,
O happie foile long happie maiest thou stand
So sacred be thy mountaines and thy groues
So be the walkes of that thy pleasant land,
Frequented eft with store of fatted droues,
Let be thy glorie like the shining sonne
That glides as far as doth the whirling sphere,
And as the course from whence the riuers ronne
That through the earth a compasse round do beare,
First faile the skyes first Phœbus cease to raunge
First christal dewes back to your springs returne
First heate and cold desist your daily chaunge,
And let the fire leauue of his force to burne,
Let Phœbe first by night her wandring staie
And darkened be to vs the starrie pole,
Let *Phaeron* lose againe the milkie waie
And fishes leauue to swimme within the poole,
Cease birdes to flie cease *Philomene* thy song
And yearly spring that yeldes of fruites encrease,
And ycie drops that dangling vnder song,

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Thy frozen chin let (*Saturne*) euer cease,
Ere *Brutus* soile, thou seate of mightie kings,
The antient race of haughtie princes peeres,
Ere from thy lappe the slippe whence honor springs,
By this default do loose the sway it beares,
Ere thou the glorie of the present rule,
And honor tied long since to thy desert,
Thy stately conquests neere that didst recule
With cloked guile doost seeke for to insert,
But waste thy glory with the mightiest powres
And stay thine honor on the greatest fame,
And selfe-same time that al things els deouores,
Renue thy faith, and yeeld thee glorious name,
As faire thy fate as are thy happie yeares,
As firme thy seate as euer Princes was,
Great be thy sway as any strength that reares
The mightiest force that euer man did pas:
And fairest thou of al the *Nymphs* that haunt
These sacred walkes, in which we shepheards wone,
So *Ione* vouchsafe our springs of thee may vaunt,
As erst before our fertile fieldes haue done.

Tyterus hauing herewith ended his song, and the shepheardes their musique ac one instant together. Thyrsis stood vp, a youthfull impe seemely in shape, and as pleasing in behauour as delicate in conceit, sweete were his countenances, his person generally commended of all the shepheardes: much was he beloued for that he deserued. There was no *Nymph* whatsoeuer, vnto whome either fountaine, or broad shadie woodes were of resort but had him in great expectation for the vertues by him pursued, and as much remained, he deuoted with all obeyzaunce to the greatest of their seruices as anie shepheard might be. Great was hee in account amongst them, as well for his more then common inclination to the highest exploits as that by discent hee was sprong ouer those that whilom in that soile passed in greatest reckoning. And for asmuch as his pouchfull desires led him forwardes to far lostier purposes, then the aged peares of the other seemed for the present

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present to bee adapted vnto, bee conuerting his *Muse* to those delights wher-vnto he was accustomed, vsed both time and musique to this purpose following.

Geue me thy Syrinx, *Pan*, giue me thy flute,
(A worthier musike farre, beseemes my laies)
In speach of her I tel, the best are mute,
And may not weld the greatnes of her praise,
If any *Muse* of all the *Nymphs* that staies
About these walkes and louely pleasant springs
Haue greater gift then others, let them raiers,
The sweetned lawdes that faire *Eliza*, brings,
And sharpened be my wits, O God of *Lone*,
(*Lone* hath men saie a furie tha'ts deuine)
Yelde me the scope of thy delights to proue
And in my brest thy sweetned fancies shrine,
O would my pipe had such proportions fine,
Or that deriu'd from greatest excellency,
My endles skil her fewture's could define,
Whom gods and men admire with reurence,
Vouchsafe my *Goddesse* yet vouchsafe to see,
The wil I haue to weld so hie aspects,
Yet shall it be hence-forth a grace to mee,
That *Lone* thy name within my *Muse* crests,
Much gratious *Souveraigne* tis that *Lone* effects,
Wherein if skilful *Pan* and *Nymphe* the tailes,
My actiuue forces shall with large respects,
Compence the rest, and yeeld me more auaille,
Let be as yet for this not all in vaine,
My sacrifice, my vowes, and praiers eke,
Wherein O *Nymphe*, thy fame shall aie remaine,
Enhaunst by those that to thy Bountie seeke.

The weareng awaie of the daye and other bhaue feates and exercises to bee accomplished, with sundrie gallaunt shewes in honour and great regarde of this pecreles *Princes*, would not permitte the lenger continuaunce of their musique and inwarde passimee.

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passimes. Wherefore Thersis hating in this his last deli-
veraunce, concluded, what soe the shorenesse of the tyme,
micht of him-selfe bee propozed, and finding it an endles *La-
borinsh* for anie of them in distinguishing her commendacion to
enter into the singularities of all her most worthie and inestima-
ble prayses, whiche the farther they waded into, the more they in-
tended, in somuch as the same seemed a thing euer more to bee,
but neuer able by anie skill or inuention what-soeuer fully to be
determined, they contented them-selues with the testimonies
alreadye gyuen vpon their good willes, and as forced therevnto
gaue ouer for the present, gyuing place for the execution of the
rest to the times apt and conuenient. Nowe the night approches
ing, they spent in feasting, revelling, and dauncing, where-in
Philetas occupied his pipe whist Daphnis and the other youth-
full heards-men, spoyled in the counterfeite disguisings of sundry
shapes of *Satires*, to the accompaning where-of Chloe and the
rest of the shepheards daughters stood sooth, and by them were
in diuers straunge gestures saed vnto and entreated: But Phoebe
being by this tyme wondre into the highest skies, called faste
the rest: whereupon was all thinges haue ende, so this religi-
ous festiuall (not therby fyning at all) was but vnto the nerfe
peares solemnities, and after to the perpetuitie of their wishes, by
their whole consents discontinued, wherewith, as they that euer
wished happiness, long life, health, hie estate and unmatched
prosperitie, vnesett for whom they lived, making a great shout
in conclusion, eache one leuued hemselues therewpon, and so
for the present departed.

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The fourth booke of the loues, pasto-
rall of Daphnis and Chloe.

This statelie festiuall and holie daie of the shepheards
being thus solennelie ended, Daphnis with great
longing continued the winter season, and often tooke
occasion to watch the birdes & his Chloe together,
vntill at the last the passe of this vntamed shrynes banished, and
the fresh couloured spring had new mahted agayne the withered
plantes in her sommers liuerie. The delight wherof, none other-
wise then is accustomed to the residue of Natures derlings, reioy-
ced the hartes of these two louers, as well for that the occasio ther-
of became a medicin to their wanted diuererance, as that alſy
the iolitie of the priue then being in her excellencie, renewed the
dul conceits of every one, and confounded the winters melancho-
lie before passed, with a new maner reader of her surpassing sweet-
nes & bauerie. Their heards vnpatient of their long penning in,
now druite to their accustomed pastures, tooke pleasure to climbe
the barkes, and to lise by their hornes ouer the frēsh ſpringing
hedge, roues. Uniuersall reioycing was in euerie thing, and now
ſeemed it a kinde of louelie ſatiffaction, to call in queſtion their
frequented places of conference, of delight, of diuurbance, and of
ſorowme that had hapned vnto them.

And as the ſpring paſſed in this kinde of pleaſure, ſo like-
wife was not the ſummer vayde of the paſſime therunto belon-
ging. In which occurred vnto them ſome actions, as well to
the intendement of their preuent loue, as in other occasions right
pleaſing. It happened at ony time amongſt the rest during this
ſeason, that diuers fishermē being in ſeaſon, ſeauing albercole, hereof
the ſound of their tonges, and voies, reþouled ſomuch upon the
roakes, as to ſeeon gaue a myll ſaith uocable of ſeauing albercole

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hereof seemed vnto Chloë very great as she that seldome had bin
vsed to the difference of the same, by reason of which , supposing
that on the other side of them, there also had bin an other sea, and
other fishermens, she began to loke about hit, demanding of Daph-
nis, by what reason they shold in their song so well in that maner
agree togither . Daphnis smiling at her simplicitie , the better
to satisfie hit demaund, and to informe hit at large of the plesures
of the fl. b, discoursed vnto hit the certaintie , by revealing vnto
hit the tale of the Echo.

There were (said he) in antient time (as yet there be) Nymphs
of diuers sorte, some of the groves, some of the woods, some of the
riuers, and others of the sprongs, and fountaines . Of one of these
sorts was sometimes a gallant girle, who was called Echo, she
was nourished by the Nymphs, and instructed and brought vp with
the Muses, the charie account of whome, gaue hit (besides fa-
uor) a most excellent knowledge and euening in all kinde of
songs and instruments, insomuch, as beeing come vnto the very
houre and full prime of hit age , shee was for hit unmatchable
thilke deemeid hit to be intretained with their praises , with their
companies, and with their pleasures, and being conuersant with
them wholy in sorte aforesaid, listid not to recke of at all the com-
pany of them, nor of God, but being a virgin by disposition, sought
fullly and wholy how to preserue the same.

Pan (my deere as thou knowest) being a god al togither, amo-
rous, and solacing himselfe as his nature is in the woods and pa-
rishes, had hearing once of this Nymph , and begannie therupon
to wonder at hit dainty and melodious sounds, indeuoiring (if
possibly he could) to woe hit to his fauor , but when in no sorte hee
could compasse it, he waxed angrie at the Nymph, and she being a-
forn in the fields without any company, he wroughe so wonder-
fully by his powere, as that so meete despite of hit fauor , hee in-
tagged against her all the heardmen and shepeheardes of the coun-
try where she was, that like woolnes and mad dogges they eare
the poore Nymph peece-meale in their furie , and throwing the
gobbets here and there, as she was yet singing hit songes, the ve-
ry earth he fauored hit mistrie , and bereated immediatly
hit blunders, to force his curiositie extremitie to this day with the
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Muses in accord, the same tune that is plaid she recordeth, the same song that by any voice is deliuert, she repeateth.

The earth thus retaining the former condicione of the Nymph while she liued, when either gods, or men, or instruments of musike, or beasts, or Pan himselfe soundeth his sweet Syritx ouer the hollow rockes, it counterfeitecheth euermore the same notes, which the director of shepheards often-times perciuing, sometimes runneth skipping and leaping after the sound, not for desire or hope he hath to inioy his faire Eccho, but only to find by what instinct the manner of his ditties are so disguised withall, without knowledge, how, or whence it commeth.

The recitall hereof grew of such admiration unto Chloe, as that to make present triall thereof, hirselfe recorded diuers tunes vpon his flute, wherunto the Eccho, as it were in confirmation of that which Daphnis had said, immediatly answered, not without the great pleasure of the shepheardesse, who had felicitie often-times to spoyle hirselfe with those redoubled sounds. But this valiance of theirs, and sweete societie euermore thus continued, could not yet assure their minds with such safety, as that the same should always haue dured, for that Chloe being both tall in stature, and ripe in yeares for a husband, the sons of diuers the wealthiest shepheards frequented earnestly the house of Dryas, to wooe her. And praising in their mindes all the complements of hir fauor and wonderfull perfections: some gaue in hand both to Dryas and Nape many fruitful presents, others promised unto them a great deale more, so that Nape hir selfe being nowe also stoung with the covetous gaine thereof, counselled hir husband Dryas in any wise to marry hir.

And to the intent to moue him the rather thereunto, shee sooygat not to late before him hir ripenes, and howe aduenturous it was to keepe in their house a maide of such beawtie and stature to contayne unmaried, putting him also in minde howe that acceptinge the present offerts, he mighte now marie her to his profit and hir owne aduaancement, but if shee fortuned once in keeping of sheepe to lose her maidenhead, they might marie her afterwardes to tales and nuttes to whom soever would be contented to take her. Dryas, as willing as hir selfe to singe the coine, and lothe to

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Iose the oportunitie in hand, would not yet ouerhaſſeſlie conclude any mat̄h, for that him ſeemed ſtill to haue a mind to harken after hit parents, and for this cauſe found he diuers meaſes and douies, whereby to delay the matter from one tyme to an other, whereby the ſubtil gnoſſe, being of a great many required, obtaimed alſo at their haſds great plenty of giſts, the fertilitie wherof he wished by all pollicie ſo long as he might to drawe on vncle him.

Chloe was not all this while ignorant of theſe deuifes, as ſhee that was a principall partie therin to be acquainted, but ſorrowing in hit minde of long time in feare of the diſcuerance to be made of hit and Daphnis, ſhee at the laſt, after much ſighing and lamentation reuealed it vnto him. The yoong youth aſtonied at the firſt, beganne to bechinke himſelfe immeadiately of the miſhap intended, and his owne irrecuperable griefe, if the ſame ſhould proceef to be effected, but recomforting for the preſent her ſweete imaginacions, and ouer tender ſpirites, hee veclated vnto hit, that he had good ſuppoſe, that if hee demaunded hit himſelfe of hit facher, he would not greatly ſay him nay, for that he thought he was not ſo much backeward, but that he eafe ly might ſurmount in any thing, but in wealth, the greateſt of all the other ſhepheārds. Only this ſomewhaſt quaileſt his aſſurance in that his ſoulder facher Lamon was not rich, but rather a verp poore man, and ſuch as no way could deuife to ſatisfie the couetouerneſſe of Dryas. Notwithſtanding whiche, hee yet reſolued, whatſoever came thereof, to putte the requeſt in aduenſure, and this to accompliſhe, Chloē hitſelfe diſde also aduife him.

Not for all this durſt the baſhfull youth, at the firſt time to reueale it to Lamon, but rather chose, as with whome hee might be moſt boldēſſ, to make knownen his loue before hand to Myrtale. Myrtale, ſhe helpe no ſecret of it; but the ſame night alſo tolde it to Lamon. The blunt fellow, quicke contrary to expecṭation, accepted the motion but very badly, calling his wife, beaſt, doſt, and ſottish aſſe, that fo rafhly without conſideration at all, woulde become a meane to be ſhow their curcerie (whom of what parentage he was descended they little knew) vpon a ſimplic heardeſſe,

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heardesse, the testimonies of whose reputation, being found with him, did promise unto them a farre better fortune, and whose parents, if happily by his being in their custodie might be found, it might not onely perchance be a meane to infranchise them from that their yoke of servitude, but happily also enrich them with possessions of greater value than those that then they liued upon.

Myrtale hearing her husbands conjecture, would not for this discourage the youth in his fancies, for feare least quenched of all hope therof (being so sharpe in loue as he was) some worse matter might befall him than they expected: wherefore laying her vpon some other deuises, shee proposed vnto him their pouertie, and the riches of those that were endued vnto Chloe, likewise their seruage, by reason of which nothing was their owne that could be employed to his preferment. But (said she) be ruled by me, the girle I knowe both loue thee, and in respect thereof desirereth to enjoy thee aboue any other. Doe this therefore, that shoo acquainthir father with the purpose, and happily being her owne suitor, he will the sooner assent vnto thee, and require my husband Lamon for thee. By this excuse Myrtale supposed with herselfe honestly to haue shifted off Daphnis: for well stode she assured, that Dryas for his parte woulde never consent vnto it: but the simple gone-heard neuertheles tooke the deuernent in good part, and knowing with him selfe, that there was no supposition of treasure to be had to set forward his demaunde, he did as many other poore louers, intend to proceede by increasie. For the furtherance hereof, it fortuned, that the Nymphs euer moxe gracious vnto their joint affections (Daphnis sleeping at night) appeared vnto him, to whome, being in shape accustomed, shee eldest declared, that the patronage of his loue, rested in the perfection of a greater deitie than themselves; but to giue hym meane to accomplish it, by mollifieng the flintie concetted dispoe sition of Dryas, that could they do: And it to bring to passe, returne thee to morrow next said she to the place where the last yere the bole of the Methimnians by unloosing the ozier twigs wherewith it was tied, was lost and driven to the Sea, there
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by tempest of the weather shal thou stide in the banke vnder a bush hard by thz same oziar , a bagge of three hundred crownes, which in ouerturning of the same boat, the waues did there drine on lande, and for that it hath hererto lien couered with sande and mosse throwne out of the sea,no man bath yet euer found it , take that purse, and giue the money to Dryas,that shalbe sufficient for the present to shew thou art not utterly deuoyde of riches.

Daphnis awakened out of the dreame, longed earnestly for the morning, and the day appearing , ran in all haste to the sea coast, where searching in the place apointed, he found the purse and gold thereto. Nowe thinking him selfe to bee the welchiest man of all the shephearde, he hied him first to the fieldes with his flocke, & after debateth the matter to Chloe, and without farther staine (requiring her to haue care of their beastes) he hastned as fast as he could to Dryas. Being thither come, he saluteth the man, and afterward setteth forth unto him his occasion of comming . I am said he, Dryas as thou knowest thy neighbour, well know I what belongeth in euerie thing to the countrie, the ordering of Vines, Olives, and husbandrie, is not to me unknowen. How able I am and with what good successe and skill I haue garded my heard, Chloe her selfe can witnesse , and the profe it selfe will discouer. Thy daughter is woon of a great manie, none of which as I, can or may so wel deserue her, they profer the for thy good will, goats, sheepe, oren & coyne, as much as will bring the vp three or fowre chickens. But Dryas, though both for neighbour-hood and these causes before alleaged, I might seeme in this action to be preferred, yet for that thou shalte know that as well as in other qualities I will not bee behynd them in gifces, geue me my Chloe in mariage, and take here thzee hundred crownes for thy labour, which unto Nape heere , and thee, I frankly and frelie doe render : but with this condition that you both promise me never to be aknowne of the present, no not to Lamon himselfe , for whatsoeuer hereafter that herein may be supposed.

Dryas & Nape seeing so grosse a sum , the like quantitie wherof they had never seene before , beeing ouertaken with the conueyances of the same, gaue their immediate consent without anie further deniall, and bothe tooke upon them thereunto to drawe the good

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good liking of Lamon. All busines therefore nowe laide aside, and the purse first locked vp with the gold, Dryas goes forward to seeke out Lamon and Myrtale, and to them breaketh foorth the purpose intended. The seelic man with his wife was winowing of corne, and at the first sight began to complaine of their harde peniworths, and the bad yeelding thereof, all which (after the maner) Dryas in his blunt & grosslike condicione recomfopted, and proceeding from out thereof began to demaund of them Daphnis for his daughter in mariage, & aded further that albeit of others, he had bene therfore fairely offered, yet of them bee demaunded nothing, but rather was willing to contribute of his own to haue their consentes, his reason for that they had bin noyished, brought vp, lured, and kept beasts together, and that he stood most assured of, they loued and intirelic fauored and desired ech other. Lamon who could not for the obiections aforesaid excuse himselfe by poverty, by want of age of the youth, by difference of education, nor otherwise, and fearing to disclose the thing it selfe, which in verite did withdraw him, which was the doubt and expectation of his parentage, thanked Dryas hartilie of his good suppose, commended the maiden, and praised his courtesie verie higlie, but yet answered therewithall, that he was a seruanc to another man, and that living in seruitude as he did, he was not by reason of his bondage to dispose of anie part of his owne, without his lords consent. And so somuch as to the agreement of this match, it seemed a thing meet and pertinent to his dutie, to haue him therewerto required, he persuaded him they might conciuine frends, and let the conclusion of the mariage suspend till the time of the next vintages, which not being long, his L. he had understanding would then be there in person to suruiw the state of his house and maner of the countrie, & then with the good liking on ech part they might be the better solemnized. But heerewithall Drias (said he) I will of one thing aduercise thee, that thou shalt not in matching with him marrie thy daughter to one of base birth, or place of meane calling, but better a great deale descended than either of vs both be, and so giuing drinke ech to other, they vpon this resolution for the present departed.

Drias who had not put these last speeches of Lamon into a
writing

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deafe eare, as his wate laie homewards, revolued in his mind the state of his Chloe with that of Daphnis, which by the few speeches that by Lamon had veene opposed, he found to be by likelihood of good place, which made him not a little inwardlie to rejoice that therein was some hope that she should not be much disparaged: in the consideration wherof, he began to bethinke himself whether Lamon finding him as he did, had therewithall received anie such like ornaments to shew his birth as himselfe had doone with Chloe, and tickled with the conceipt heereof, with twentie praiers made to Pan and the Nymphs that it might be so, he came in these muses to the place at last where rested yoong Daphnis, togither with his beloued Chloe, to whom having recounted the woxie heereof, a woxd of ioies befell immediatlie vnto the youth, considering that Autume was now at home, and the marriage should no longer be deferred, and thanking his supposed father in lawe Dryas a thousand times the olde man departed.

Now after these shepheards had both dispatched their busynesse, and the sunne readie to go downe, they passed homewards, gathering in the wates diuerse sortes of apples, the yeere was plentie, and frutes were now in their ripenesse, among the number whereof, they chanced to come by one tree, the frute whereof was all gathered, and the tree thereby of the leaues left almost naked, onelie one apple excepted, the bewtie of which was as the colour of the shining gold mixed with an oyent red of the freshest and brauest hev that might be, this apple stood on the vertie top of the highest branch of all the tree, and for the hight therof seemed to be left vngathered: the louelie lad, casting eies therevpon, thought that it was a present fit to be giuen for a loue token, and suddenlie getting vp to the tree, climed so nimble that he brought it downe in his hand from the top where it grew.

Chloe became greatlie miscontented at his rashnesse, and fearing to see him fall, and wound hir selfe from the place among the thickest of hir flocks, but Daphnis pursuing the gentle *Nymph*, my sweet said he, the faire and beautifull season hath brought forth this frute, a statelie tree hath nourished it, the radiant

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radiant and most comfortable sunne beames haue ripened it, and onelie good fortune as a thing most choice and perfect, hath hereto reserved it, the woorthinesse onelie apperteining to you as to a creature most excellent . Ill had I beene disposed to suffer so faire a frute by falling on the hard ground to haue beene bruised, foiled, or otherwise trode vnder feet, or perished . The apple of gold was erst on Venus bestowed for the pris of hir beautie, and that by a shepheard, and I likewise garding my beasts, haue found this apple, comparable to that in shew, wherewith to present my Chloe, who matchest hir in fauor . In this case am I Paris and thou the selfe Venus.

The lasse appaised with these delighesome speeches, assentid quickelie with hir Daphnis to be at acconement, and he throwing the apple into hir lap, she onelie gaue him a louers kisse, wherewith the well pleased gotheard held himselfe contented.

In these continued pastances, the often wished and longed for Autume did now draw on apace, and a messenger from the maister of Lamon was alreadie approched, to informe them shoxlie of their lords comming, the bruite of spoile doone by the Methimnians on the grounds thereabouts was cause thereroft, and to that end was deliuered their maister intended to suruiw the harine by them committed . It was now no need to appoint the olde Lamon to his busynesse , who carefull of himselfe to see all things well, indeuored so to prouide that no one iote might in the least respect be amisse : Daphnis likewise tooke in charge neaclie to picke and trimme his heards, and orderlie ech daie to see them fed on the best and most frutefull pastures, to the intent the heard being myghtie and fat, they might haue the more thankes for their trauell, and be the better reputed of at their maisters comming . It was vnto him a matter of great nouell, to thinke what maner of man should be his maister, so much as the name of whome till that time hee never before had heard.

Lamon for his part began to passe throughout all the hearbers, the vines, the fruities, and the berries, those boughes hee tricked,

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those knobs he pared, those branches he slipped, and them in another place cut downe and cropped. The shew of this place was a thing of most excellent pleasure, as well of the situation, pro-
specis, plentie and varietie of deuises, as also for diuersitie of trees, and all kinds of fruits. To this had Lamon of all others a most speciall regard, wherein his carefull in-sight and continual trauaile had wrought so great perfection, as seemed to bee helpe a thing rare and wonderfull. The trees hung yet laden with all kinde of fruities, plums, apples, peares, mirtles, granades, orange, limons, figs, olives, and twentie other pleasing conceits. Besides the number whereof, the order yet curiositie and braue disposition of euerie thing was such, as a man would haue thought it a paradise, and deeplie haue sorrowed to forchinke that the least spoile in the world should haue happened vnto it.

The messenger hauing seene all thinges in a readinesse prepared, returned to the Citie againe to aduertise his Lord of the estate of the same, who not being vnpayable of the poore Lamon and Mirtale, they onely desired his good woxd in setting forth the manner of that he sawe, to their greater commendation, the messenger omitted nothing to him in charge giuen, but hauing asserted what he came for, waited onlie the time of his maisters readinesse.

In this meane while of the returne made of the seruant to his master, after all this cost bestowed and trauaile taken of poore Lamon, happened a foule and cruell mischaunce, the event of which made all the house sorrowfull, and them now onelie to feare the comming of him therer, whome before they earnestlie looked and most instantly desired, the case standing as it did, vpon a dreadfull hazard of their veter vndooring, the occasion of all which ensued in forme following. There was neere thereabouts dwelling to them a cow-heard, a stubborne and a knurleheaded knave, whose name was Lapes, who being of Chloe to-fore time exceedinglie enamoured, and seeing that by a conuention betwene Dryas and Lamon, hee was preuented of his purpose, and hope to obtaine her in mariage, grew thereby into so cruel and presumptuous a conceit of doing vnto him some one or other notable mischiefe, as that hee endeavored nothing so much as to seeke

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seeke occasion, how, and by what meane to be reuenged.

He was well wacie that the dependancie of this mariage consisted sole on the fauour and good opinion to be by them receiuued from their maister, whereinto if it were possible, that hee could devise by the committing of some one or other notable viliany, to worke a breach, tweny to one hee thought, that ill must needes beseide them, and the mariage in hand shoulde never be brought in question. This vilde and mischeuous imagination in some sorte to effect, the villaine aduised him selfe of this beautifull plotte, the trimming and decking whereof had now of long time being attended, brought the same to a most exceeding perfection, besides the deuises thereof being exeried wais (as they were) most excellent, had made the maister of Lamon to be of all thinges about his house the most in loue with it. Hereuppon as the thing that on all sides might turne them to most displeasure the cruell and wretched Lapes desired to bee most reuenged. Wherefore spyng a time conuenient, one night when all about the house were vniversally at rest: this false and villanous churle, woon himselfe secretly into the garden, and there moiled and spoiled, with hooke, with hatchets, and other cutting instruments, the most part of the hedgerows, vines, frutes, and trees of all the hearberie and garden: which being doone he returned himselfe secretly againe, without being perceiued of any man.

Lamon, the next morning early, entring into his gardeine with intent to surue and tricke what he might in the least iott see thereabout amisse, perceiued the spoyle and notable misuance euery where done unto it, and not knowing from whence it came, but moued exceedingly with the dispight & villanie therof, as the onely thing of all others that his maister loued, looked for no other reliefe at all, but to be beaten to death or hanged. Wherefore ouercome as he was with great griefe, hee bare his garment from his shoulders, and therevpon skritched and cried most lamentably.

Myrtale hearing the clamor, left what was in hit hand, and ranne in all haste unto him. Daphnis also which euen then had but led his beastes to the field, moued with great lamentation,

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returned backe againe vnto them. And seeing this great disgrace most vile and detestable hauocke and wacke doone and committed on all partes of the hearberie , it could not but greatlie become vnto them a matter most sorowefull , soz to saye the truch, were a manne there-vnto but a meere straunger , hee coulde not but haue deeplie greeued to see the malicious and causlesse spoile of so faire and pleasaunt a dwelling , the partes yet untouched whereof, for all the disorder therein committed , carried notwithstanding some maner demonstration of the beautie of the other. The greuousnes of the sight made them al to shed teares abundant, for their vndosing stooode vpon it , Lamon one while for hym-selfe , and an ether while for Daphnis exceedinglie weped . During the continuaunce of which discomforde , Eudrome the page and messenger , that before had beene with them , from their Maister was returned agayne , declaring , that after thre dayes passed , their olde Maister intended to bee there present , but their yoong Maister his sonne woulde come chicher the morrowe.

Preparation heere-vpon ensued on all sides , and nowe the monstrosenesse of the euill doone didde trouble them more and more . But Eudrome beeynge of his owne disposition , a youtch of verye good nature , they deuised amongest them-selues for to call hym also to councell about this enterprize . The case beeing made knownen vnto him , Eudrome seeing their excessiue sorowe and mone made , recomforted them , and aduised as most meete , that the matter were first made knowne vnto their yoong Maister , whome hee assured vnto them to be of louing and most kinde condition , and that vpon their submission made , hee woulde not sticke so farre foorth to pittie them , as that by his good and fauorable conceit , some one thing or other for redresse might there be the better provided.

Lamon notwithstanding was not yett idle , but slipped and cropped the hanging boughes and twigges rounde about the garden , hee didde what hee coulde by all the arte and cunning hee had , to make the hauocke seeme lesse ; insomuch as by hys diligent looking too , and attendaunce , hee hadde reasonablie amended the matter in diuers places . Their yoong Maister according

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cordynge vnto appointment came the next day, whose name was Astile, and wþt him brought to accompany him for his dispozit, a parasiticall gesser, whose name was Gnatho. The gentleman was yet verþe yoong, vpon whose chinne the tender downe hadde scarcelie crept, and therewithal of most gentle and friendlie condicione: hee was no sooner entred the grounds, but Lamon & Myrtale his wife together with yoong Daphnis fell prostrat at his feete, desiring his fauour and forgiuenesse, and that beeing campassionate vppon the olde yeares of his bondman, hee woulde indeuour so farre as he might, to withdraw his fathers rage and displeasure from them.

Astile rewed the miserable complaint, and the better to reliue them, out of their woonted disresses and sorrowes, hee promised, that at his fathers comming, hee woulde endeuour to make some preaþe excuse of the matter, and for to take the cauise and choice occasion thereof wholly vppon him-selfe. They thankfully heere-vppon tooke his agreement, and endeuouring by all the meanes possible to content him, both Lamon and Daphnis, with diuerse notable presents did afterwardes enteaine him, they praied God also in respekte of their disabillie, that it would please him of his goodnesse to requite him.

Nowe Gnatho this parasite being a right bell-god, a bilaine by nature, and one that loued none, but where hee might be fedde, nor cared for any, but onely for his profit, seeing the sweete and naturall fauour of this yoong Daphnis, beganne as an unnaturall beast, so against nature became wanton ouer him. The paunch-filled rascall, seeing that Astile was a braue yoong gentleman, tooke pleasure in hunting, and to haunt the fields abroad with his hawks and spaniels, devised from time to time sundry shifis, whereby to ridde himselfe of his company. And in these spaces would he haunt the heards of yoong Daphnis, & one while hearing him sound his flute, and another while sing, thoghe there was no felicite in the world so great, as to be accompanied with his pleasure. The wretch mouing to the goat-heards manie questions, & perceiving his simplicity and unacquainted disposition to villanous purposes, one time by watching his goings and comings wold haue found means in forcible maner to abuse him.

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But the insinuat condicōn by nature and his former birth, plan-
ted in the imboldned sp̄its of the yoong youth, with a maner of
sweltring kind of disdaine shooke the rascal off, and that so rude-
lye, as his pampered drunken carcass squatted against the ground
wich the pezant and vnweldie burden thereof.

The parasiticall trickēr perceiving the unmollified spirit of
the blāue goatheard, and weing therewithall the maner of his
vnerpected colour and courage, such as seldoime falleth in those
that by nature are borne to be slaues, thought that in his natu-
rē the stars and planets were unto him too sinistre, in that unto a
mind & fauor so correspondent, they yeclde an estate & condicōn
so mightilie different. Neuerthelesse though in so forcible maner
he dares no more to assaile the youth, yet for all that withdrew he
not fro him his sensuall & beastlie disposition, but considering that
the lad was but the sonne of Lamon reputed, & therefore thought
as a villeine to belong unto his lord, he deemed with himselfe to
pracise another devise moze colourable, whereby when time
should serue, he might the easer attaine to that his wretched and
most abominable desire.

This could he not immediatlie bring to passe, for that the old
man with his wife, children and familie were now all arrived at
this his countrie dwelling. In the first two daies after whose
arruall, there was nothing but feasting and bankeeting, Dionysophanes
was the old mans name, and Clearista his wife. After
then that he had repased himselfe by the space of two daies, he
then began to visit his herberies, his gardens, walks, and other
fine and pleasant devises, in all which he found no fault at all,
lauie onelie the spoile which before you heard of, which yoeng Asti-
le had ere this to him execused and taken the matter upon him-
selfe, wherewithal Dionysophanes held himselfe contented. Then
walked he forwārdes to see the heards and flockes, at the sighte of
which companie of so manie strangers, Chloe bashfull on a sud-
den, and betng in the fields, as she that had never bin accustomed
to their view, stole awaie secretlie, and hid hir selfe in the woods,
but Daphnis stood still awaiting their comming. Lamon then
pointing out unto his maister his goats and sheepe that so dainti-
lye had beene fed and increased, addēd further unto him, that the
youth

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youth standing by was his goate-heard, wha by his diligenc
tare and attendaunce had thitherto conducted them.

Dionysophanes and Clearista beholding the excellent sauoz
and sweete gestures of the youth, who furnished in every con-
dicion as a heardsman, and hauyng a faire large skinne of a bee-
goate, smoochelie dresed with the haire fastened vnto his necke,
and hanging ouer his shoulders, thought that there appeared in
him a kinde of beautie, more commendable farte, than custo-
mably was to bee seene in euery other sheepeheard. Daphnis
beganne to make vnto them musike vppon his flute, and with
diuers and excellent layes and ditties of the sheepcarde to enter-
taine them, all which of the company generallye; but Clearista
especiallie, was in him both rewarded, liked, and highly com-
mended, besides commaunded shee him, and likewise Diony-
sophanes his Maister expreſſly enioyned him, not to bee absent
from the house during their abode and continuaunce in the coun-
try, but alwayes there to attend them.

All this vnto the vile and beastly conceit of Gnacho, didde
but adde fire vnto the flame, who beeing wholie dedicated vnto
luxurie and his bellie, was not able to containe himselfe within
limits, but taketh Aſtile on atime a lone ſide, and thus cau-
lously, the better to accompliſhe his purpose delinereþ vnto
him. I haue (Sir) heere-tofore never in my life yeelded ap-
petite or liking to any thing ſo much, as to quaffing companye,
and aboundaunce of ſeeding, but nowe is my minde chaunged
theraſte, and ſince I ſaw e this freſhe yoong goate-heard play-
ing on his pipe ſo melodiously as hee dooth, me thinkes than the
ſole and ſweet pleasure therof, there is no delight in the worlde.
Nowe Sir, albeit he bee the ſonne of your fathers villaine, yet
ſurely respecting the ſeemely ſauours he beareth: foꝝ eſtraunged
in ſhewe from ſo ſimple a proportion, mee thinkes you might
doꝝ very well to crane him of your father, and to take him from
theſe heardes to dwell with you at home in the citie. Aſtile har-
kened heere-vnto, and thought it not amisse, and onely atten-
ded, but time conuenient to mooue his father therof. This
ſpeach by Eudrome the page, being ouer-heard, who knewe the
villanous delights of this parasite gester, and marked ſince

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These comming thither this continuall fawning and pursuite of the gentle Daphnis; and howe many exercises therewithall he tendered, that hee woulde procure hys freedome, thought this faire weacher was not all for naught, and therefore speeding him-selfe to Lamon and Myrtale (as one compassionate of the pouches misfortune, if the way in question shoule be taken) bee revealed unto them both the practise, and also what of the event thereof, not without good cause he had conjectured.

The poore olde man surcharged nowe, with farre greater grieses than euer before hee was prestred, for that the losse of his life coulde not haue beene moze miserable vnto him than the sorrowe of this mischiefe, sawe that the disguise of this youth in serving his sonne, shoulde nowe without spedie puyencion, become meane to make him the beastly pray and spoile (vnder pretence of bringing him to the seruice of Astile) to a base, vile, scurvy, and gorbellied drunkard. This thought the poore man, rather to die than to suffer: wherefore resolving him-selfe to reveale (if neede compellled) what he was, that the woorthinesse of his birth might the sooner free him from such intollerable seruage, hee onelye accender but for the oþerwylle when Astile shoulde begge him of his father, which beeing by the continual suggestion of Gnat the next day put in practise. The simple bondman standing footch, fell prostrate immediatly at his lordes feete, and embracing straightly his knees besought him to haue compassion of his humble sute and petition then to be made vnto him. Dionysophanes willed him to speake. and then taking Daphnis by the hand. Clearista present, and the most part else of the familie, Lamon therevpon said: I am not (sir) discontented, that it is your good pleasure, and my yoong L. Astile heere, to take from me this yoong yowch out of these countrie laboures, to attend, and there to remaine with him in the citie, for so might it thereby happen, that a woorthie and noble Maister, might also enjoy of him by this meanes, a free and noble seruaunt, but that by pretence thereof, and vnder colour to drawe him hence to an other place, whereby in most vile and insufferable manner to abuse the woorthinesse of his shape against nature, onely by noþe, that he is the sonne of a bondslaye, and bred of my loines,

and

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and that namelē also to keepe a wosellio his fitchiesse, even
the grosse villanie of this parasiticall gester: this Gnatho heere
present, who vpon a beastlie and wicked conceipt to accomplish
the same, hach onelie suggested this motion, that can I never
suffer. Wherefore (Sicut) that the better it may appeare unto
your knowledge, howe vnsit it is, that so great and not com-
monlye accustomed feature and comelinessse, shoulde in so vile
and bad maner be misprized: vnderstantande I beseeche you, that
this poong and braue youth heere present is not my sonne (as ic
hath beene supposed) nor is the basenesse of our condicion able
to produce so excellent a creature: but beeing nowe eighteent
yeares since I found him laide foorth in pastures tenderly wrap-
ped within a small chicket, where-byto one of my shee goates,
to my great astonishment ordinaryl resorted to surke it, neither
am I able to say howe, or by whose handes it came there: but
this knowe I, that the descent thereof can not bee meane, re-
specing the costly attire, iewelles, and other ornaments which
I found about it, all which I haue hitherto whold and entirely
preserued, by the conjecture whereof you may the better deeme
of his parentage, and howe vnsomming ic is, that so gentle a n-
ture shoulde become the subject and spoile of so base and seruile a
condition.

Lamon had not scarce shut his lipps vppon these speeches,
but that Gnatho enraged at these his sharpe peering tautes
and inforcementis vled against him, closed straight wayes with
his wordes, and threatened, that ere long hee woulde so this
be thoroughly reuenged on him. Dionysophanes for his parte
was amazed at the accident, and charging his bondman, in ve-
xype vehement and hard speeches thereof to deliuer a scutb. Lamon
further added, and swore by the immortall gods, by Pan,
and the Nymphs, that heerein bee had not lied one word, and to
the ende to make cleere the matter, caused his wife Myrtale to
bring foorth the attire, the mantle, and iewelles, and therē shew-
ed them in his presence.

Dionysophanes hauing heard these last speeches of Lamon to-
gither with his attenciuē countenance & earnest protestation, loo-
ked vppon Gnatho with an aspecē austere and grimme, as one

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loue with thy brother indifferentlie. And in the parting of my possessions betwene you, I will that this house, these lands, the mouables heere in my heards, flocks, seruants, and all things else thereweto belonging, doo remaine and continue unto thee. Daphnis at the repetition of these last words, not suffering his father to speake soorth the rest, start vp quicklie on a sudden, and therewith *O Nymphs*, said he, my heards haue not all this while beene watered, and I stand heere stil a doing nothing. The companie heereat fell a laughing, to see that the remembrance of that wherein so long he had beene trained, could not yet make him forget what he had to doo when he was wont to be a seruante. But they aduertised unto him that the care of his goates belonged now unto another, and that he needed not to troule his thonghes therewith any longer. Chloe all this while being filled with the bruse of Daphnis and his new acknowledgement of his parents, did nothing else but grecue and lament to see the bad successe (as she deemed) of their loues, for thinking that Daphnis being now advanced to rich parentage, would not anie more regard by account of her, he could but sigh and wails, accusing her selfe to haue giuen more confidence to his oþ sworne by his goates than to that he had made before to the *Nymphs*. Lapes therefore, who for dispise and weak of the loue of Daphnis then made to her, had spoiled in the night time, and marred the workmanship of Lamon as you heard before, perciuing now that the state of Daphnis might tend to other effect, began to devise to steale the shepheardesse by force, and so that purpose accompanied with a number of rude rakell fellowes, encountered with her one morning as she was dzining her flockes, and offering violence unto her shee striched alowd, the sound of her voice came first to Napc, and after to Dryas, and from him to Daphnis: but the yoonge goteheard conferring nowe the state and reputation of his frends, durst not be acknowne publike of the action, but called soorth some of the house, to whom he gaue speciaill direction to aid and assist Dryas,

Gnatho, who had euer since his villenie discouered her selfe from all companie, hauing notice of the direction, thought with himselfe that now was the time wherein occasion was offered him to be reconciled to Daphnis, and putting himselfe forth

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In the prease, as he that intended to be a guide unto them in that action, they encountered Lapes by their hast, and the restiuie of his clownes that now were euuen readie to haue conueied awaie the *Nymph*, and buckling heerevpon togithers, with hard strokis on either sides, Dryas and his companie in the end had the best, and rescuing Chloe againe lambs kind the rude lobbins welfaure.

Gnatho supposing that he had behaued himselfe reasonable manlie in this enterprise, chalenged the honor of the conquest into his hands, wherof he now thought to make a graciefull present unto his yoong maister Dryas, was not therewith miscontented, but accompanied them both to Daphnis, where being come, Gnatho made offer of the faire *Nymph* into his hands, humblie submitting himselfe therewithall at his feet, and praied him of pardon for his misdemeanors passed, and that he might againe be restored by his meanes to the former enterteinment that in his fathers house he woonedlie received.

Daphnis gladded inwardlie at the sight of his Chloe, accepted his seruice, and imbracing hir manie times, he was in mind to haue committed hir againe to Dryas, with great desire that their loues myght be kept secret. But Dryas betterlie denied that, but rather deliberating to make the matter platne, seeing the other was alreadie by fortune made knowne to his parents, tooke Chloe againe soz that instant, and the next morning leading hir with him to the house of Dionysophanes, & desiring at the hands of him and his wife a little attentiuue hearing, he made knowne unto them the finding of Chloe, hir education, hir putting to the charge of keeping of flocks in the pastures, the vision to him and Lamon appearing touching the disposition of their fosterlings, Daphnis putting also to the feeld, the mutuall societie of him and Chloe therē begun, continued and concluded vpon after in mariage, and therewithall praied that the *Nymph* by change and alteration of the state of Daphnis myght not now be despised: and to the intent that they myght the beeter stand assured of hir parentage, he shewed also the callmantle, slippers and other attire and jewells that he found with hir: and those with hir, recommended escloones to their patronage, loue, care, and common defense.

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Dionysophanes and Clearista beholding the beautifull and seemelie parts of the shepheardesse, and witing also, that by like ensignes and badges as theirs, she had beene laid foorth, concluded the likelihood thereof with their owne intendments, and the rather in respect of those testimonies which shewed in some sorte, the reckoning of hir parents, and as king also of Daphnis his willingnesse therein, they accepted hir immediatlie as their daughter in law, and confirmed the liking, wherewith before he had received hir as his wife.

Time weareing out the period of euerie determinat purpose and resolution, made Dionysophanes & his wife to thinke themselves sufficientlie by this time recreated with the pleasure of the countie: wherefore apparelling Chloe after the maner of the citie, and as beseemed their daughter, they iointlie with all their whole houshold remoued, and came backe againe to Meteline, but first in recompence of the painefull trauell of both these aged heardsmen, Dionysophanes rewarded Lamon with his freedome, and besides gane him afterwards wherwith to liue richlie: to Dryas also of his bountie he gaue three hundred crownes more than those he had before, and a gowne furred, and other apparrell both for winter and summer. To Nape, and especiallie to Myrtale Clearista was not vntankefull, both she and Lamon, besides greatlie rejoicing in their olde age to haue obtineid their freedome.

Now grew there to be a woonder at their arriuall in Meteline vpon this strange kind of accident, by meanes of which, diverse of the worthiest of the citie and their wiues visited Dionysophanes to know the maner and truch of the same: among all the rest that were there to participat this nouell, one Megacles a wealthie noble citizen, hearing the recount of the finding and knowledge of Daphnis made by Dionysophanes, sighing deeplie in his mind, began at a sudden to weepe verie tenderlie, and being earnestlie of the assystants demanded the occasion therof, he said: It is now about sixteene yeeres since, that by reason of my great charge bestowed in trauell, and sundrie losses hapned unto me by seas, I had then a daughter borne unto me by my wife Rhode, and so somuch as my estate was at that instant so

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weake, as made me in great hazard how I might recouer my los-
ses and fortune againe, and yeelded me also some dispaire how, or
by what meanes I might afterwards liue hauing so manie chil-
dren: in great agonie of minde I tooke the infant and gaue it in
like manner as thou Dionysophanes to one of my seruants, with
apparell, iewelles, and other things about it, and willed him, in
some conuenient place to bestowe the same, recommending it
thereby to the protection and guidance of some better hap. My
children then had, are since all of them dead, my wealth neuer-
chelesse not any wayes diminished, but rather increased, but ah
my greatest vnkindnesse to that infant, hath nowe bereft mee of
any childe at all, and there is none to inherite the possessions and
goodes I leauue behinde me. The recordation heereof (Diony-
sophanes) reported by a newe relation and deliuerie of thy good
hap in recovering thy sonne, togither with the manner of thy de-
parting from him so iustly agreeing in every thing with mine,
makest me onely in this to accuse my ill hap, that can not also
in the selfe occasion attaine the event and fortune of other men,
and lamenting the vntimely miscarryeng of hit (whome then I
deemed some one or other beeing without childe might happlie
 finde, and take to their guidance, but nowe do expect vterlie
to be destroied) do wish to continue for hit sake the residue of my
life in perpetuall sorrow and heauines.

This pitifull discourse of the olde Megacles, bredde in the
minde of all the compantie an extreme sadnesse, wherfore, as
well on a sudden to alter the dombe conceit therof, as otherwise
to manifest unto them all, a double occasion of his gladnesse: this
aged Dionysophanes first brought foorth to Megacles the ornaments
found with Chloe (hit-selfe hitherto remaining unspoken
of, and vnseene, but altogether in secret) and thereof demaun-
ded of Megacles if he had any knowledge, affirming, that in the
recouerie of his sonne, such manner of thinges also came to his
handes. But Megacles well knowing and rememb'ring the to-
kens of the same, fell heereby into a greater extremitie than be-
fore, thinking, that hee by this might well be assured, that his
daughter could not nowe otherwise choose but be dead, and that
some heardsman of the field had by chance taken vp these things,

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and brought them also to Dionysophanes together with Daphnis. Dionysophanes seeing hereby, that it was not requisite unto the intendement of a toifull meeting long time in this sort to dally, began then with sweete words to comfort this Megacles, and assured him, that his daughter was living, and therewith presenting unto the viewe of all the company, the meere divine and exquissite proportion indeede of very Beautie it selfe, harbored in the amiable lookes of this faire and excellent Chloe, hee made known also to their hearing the whole maner of hir continuance euen to hir present finding.

Megacles not sufficiently able vpon a sudden to digest his ioyes, straightly embraced the Nymph, and being also informed of the marriage intended to be celebratzed betweene hir and Daphnis, desired no better alliance. And in signe how well and worthily he deemed of the match, he freely there gaue and bestowed vpon hir, to hir present aduancement, the inheritance of al his lands, wealth, and possessions whatsoeuer, onely reserved unto those that so charily had unto that estate conducted hir, such liberal rewards and presents, as to the reputation of his person, and the benefit at that instant received, might seeme most agreeing and correspondent.

The citizens all thereabouts, commanding highly the rare and wonderfull accomplishments of these two noble creatures, extolled the indifferencie of the match, and praied Himenæus to giue unto them, a happie, fruitfull, and gladsome continuance: where by were finished in most honourable, and sumptuous maner, to the reioycing of al the beholders, the finall determinacion of all these pasto-
rall amours,

FINIS.

